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## HK Ship Sinks Near Canton

Miss Orient Hits Mine  
While Dancing Goes On  
100 PASSENGERS KILLED

An estimated 100 men, women and children lost their lives on Thursday night when the British-registered 1,200-ton luxury river steamer, Miss Orient, was sunk, as a result of an explosion, at the bottom end of Elliot Passage about six miles from Canton.

The explosion which preceded the sinking is believed to have been caused either by a mine planted in the water or by a bomb hidden in the ship's hold.

Stories of the disaster, related to the "China Mail" by survivors yesterday, brought back vivid memories of the ss. Titanic tragedy in the North Atlantic in 1912, the casualty list, however, being considerably smaller.

The mine or bomb exploded at a time when most of the younger passengers were dancing and singing in the vessel's spacious, luxuriously equipped ball room.

An hour after leaving Canton shortly after 9 p.m., on her return trip to Hong Kong, an explosion on the port side rocked the Miss Orient violently.

Dancing couples were thrown off their feet and panic-stricken passengers screamed stampeding to the upper decks as the vessel took on a list and began to sink. The master attempted to avert the ship shorewards in the hope of beaching her, but about 50 feet offshore she keeled over on her starboard side.

## In Three Minutes

In three minutes, the Miss Orient was submerged lying on her side, with most of her 400 passengers and crew members either thrown overboard or trapped below.

Hysterical screams for help were still audible one hour later when the ss. Sing Hing, which left Canton at 12 p.m., reached the wreck. At first lifeboats were lowered, they were later recalled because of the possible danger of attack from the shore by bandits.

Distress messages sent out from the Miss Orient as she was sinking were apparently weak as there was no response.

Urgent messages were sent to Canton by the ss. Sing Hing, however, brought three Chinese Maritime Customs cruisers to the scene. They were instrumental in rescuing a number of survivors, most of whom later went back to Canton.

## 22 Come To HK

In the morning, the ss. Sing Hing picked up 20 men and two women who were anxious to come to Hong Kong. They arrived here yesterday evening, barefoot and badly shaken up.

The blowing up of the ss. Miss Orient may have been the result of the owners of the vessel refusing to comply with demands for money by Pearl River extortionist organizations.

Chief Officer R.A.P. Spears of the Sing Hing estimated the number of survivors at between 200 and 300 persons. The owners said the ship carried between 300 and 400 passengers, and a crew of more than 100 men. Three of the passengers were said to have been Europeans. No names were available to the passenger list was aboard the sunken ship.

Survivors, brought to Hong Kong by the ss. Sing Hing said that at about 10.30 p.m., an explosion was heard on the port side. At once the lights went out and ship started to list to starboard because everybody rushed in that direction.

In three minutes, she capsized on the starboard side.

## THE WEATHER

At 0800 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the anticyclone continues to dominate China, Japan and the neighbouring seas, but small troughs have developed over SE China and E of Formosa.

Today's Forecast—Moderate to fresh E-Wind, overcast and cool with drizzle at first.

Yesterday's Weather—

Maximum 62.9 deg. Fah.

Minimum 54.0 deg. Fah.

Humidity Nil.

Rainfall 1.8 mm.—0.04 inch. Total since Jan. 1—120.6 mm.—4.74 inches as against an average of 187.9 mm.—7.40 inches.

Readings 8 a.m. 4 p.m.

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Wind direction 30-06 24-07 (calm)

Wind force 3-7 3-7

Sea state 1-2 1-2

Clouds 1-2 1-2

Chinese Navy  
On The Job

Canton, March 25.—The Chinese Navy today sent an armed party ashore near the wreck of the ss. Miss Orient to search for the pirates who were responsible for the mining of the vessel.

There was no attempt to pirate the stricken vessel.—United Press.

conference is due to be convened today.

HK \$3,000,000

## Asked

The Woo Cheung Fat Steamship Company of Hong Kong—a British-registered company—owners of the ss. Miss Orient—of the many shipping companies which have recently received demands from protection money, adds Reuter.

The total sum demanded from all transport companies was about HK\$3,000,000.

According to the agents of the vessel, they were 30 foreign casualties. All the six dancing girls aboard are safe.

Guards have been posted on the partly submerged ship to prevent looting.

At the end of the war Miss Orient was a derelict loaded of fittings, woodwork and other moveable items. She was purchased by the Woo Cheung Fat Steamship Company of Hong Kong and refitted in the Colony at a cost of \$2,000,000 early last year.

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## Dancing Aboard

Features of this deluxe river passenger motor vessel include a large dining room, which can be converted into a dancing floor, spacious dormitory-like accommodation on her lower deck, modern furnishings and a honey-moon suite, specially reserved for newly-wed passengers.

Late last year as a result of an abortive piracy attempt in different river vessel, two gun turrets were erected on her top deck. Eight armed guards keep vigilance on board.

The Miss Orient can cruise with her diesel engines at 12 knots.

To entertain passengers the Miss Orient usually carried six dance hostesses aboard and there was dancing from 8 p.m. and midnight.

She flew the Chinese flag under her former name.

The streamlined river passenger vessel, the aluminium super-structure, Shih Men was recently a near victim of an explosion which except shaking the vessel, did not cause any damage.

The ill-fated craft carried 400 passengers and of the 400 survivors, many suffered from concussion and injuries.

Among the survivors were Miss Edna Lowrey, aged 55, of Colgate Springs, Iowa, a teacher of the Union-Middle School in Canton. She stepped from a rescue ship here without her shoes.

"I was awakened in my cabin by an explosion," Miss Lowrey said. "The noise was not very terrific. I found passengers fighting their way up on deck."

Second American survivor was Mrs. Sarah K. Chuck of San Francisco and Honolulu, wife of Mr. K. Chuck, American Vice-Consul at Canton.

She was among nine women representatives of the Canton YWCA who boarded the ship for a YWCA conference in Hong Kong. Five of the representatives, all Chinese, are still missing, added the Associated Press.

The Hong Kong YWCA told the "China Mail" last night that a Canton message said that five of the delegates are safe. The

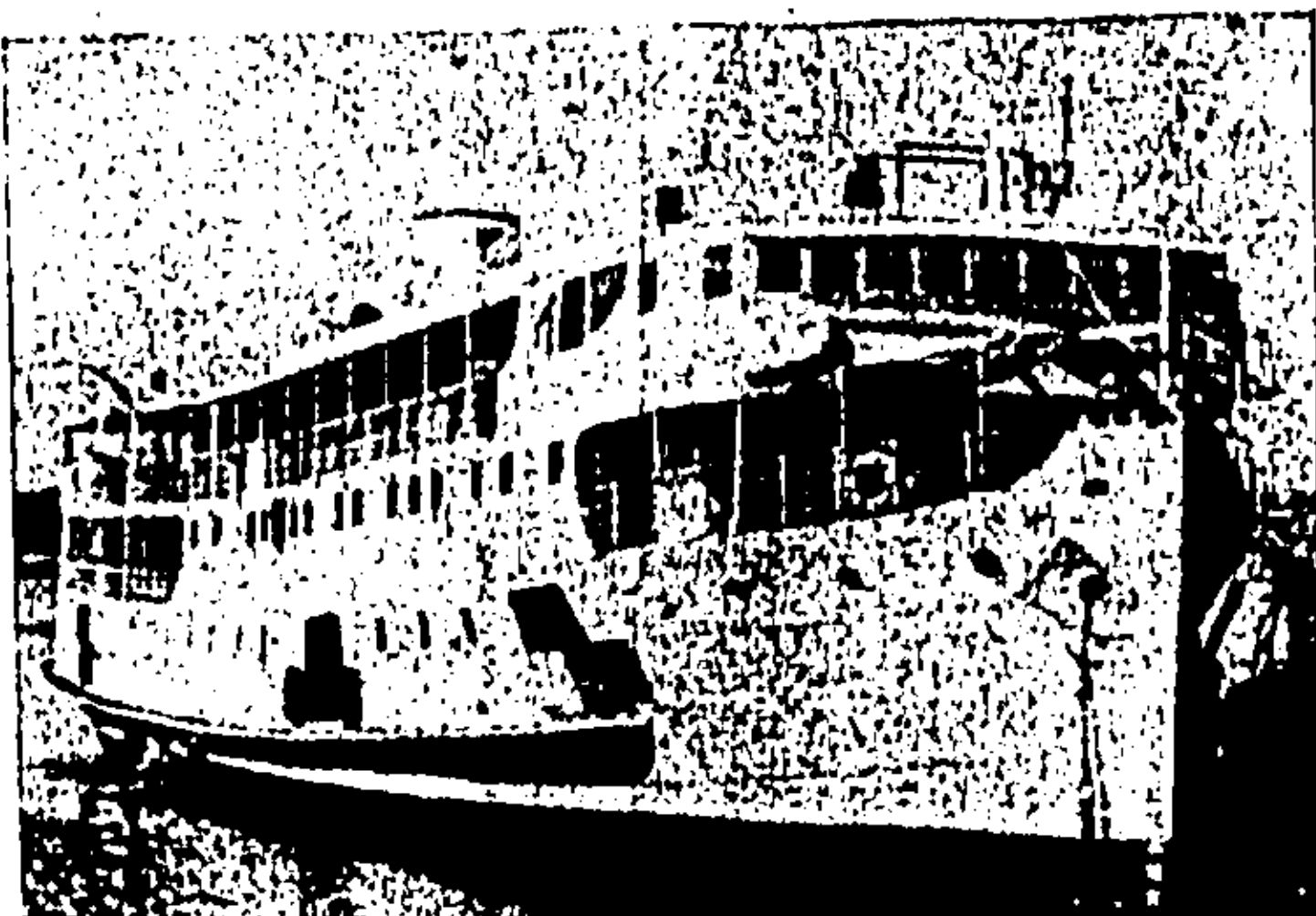
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THE ILL-  
FATED SHIP

Some of its Survivors who arrived in Hong Kong.

Moscow Plot To Torpedo  
Marshall Plan A Failure

Washington, March 25.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Michigan Republican, told the Senate yesterday a Moscow-dictated conspiracy to torpedo the Marshall Plan for European recovery has been "all but stopped in its tracks."

Pleading for extension of the multi-billion dollar aid programme through another year, Mr. Vandenberg declared that "current Moscow hysteria toward ERP is clear proof of its success."

"It was fresh air in the lungs of liberty," Mr. Vandenberg cried dramatically. "It drove despair from the souls of men."

Senators James Easton, Missouri Republican, and William Jenner, Indiana Republican, objected that American funds are being used to finance socialist experiments in England and other nations.

Referring to Britain's socialized medicine programme, Jenner shouted, "They couldn't furnish troops to the baldheaded gentlemen of England if we weren't suckers enough to sponsor such a damn fool programme."

Jenner also protested that foreign aid programmes, on top of

the Marshall Plan, are a burden on the American taxpayer.

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WITH MAO'S ARRIVAL,  
PEIPING NOW BECOMES  
RED CHINA'S CAPITAL

Shanghai, March 25.

The Chinese Communist radio announced today that the Chinese Red leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung, arrived in Peiping at 4 p.m. with other Red leaders.

Broadcasting direct from Peiping instead of North Shensi, the radio said the headquarters of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party as well as the headquarters of the Chinese Liberation Army had moved into Peiping on March 25.

Arriving with Macao Tactung were the Red commander-in-chief, General Chu Teh, and deputy leader Chou En-lai.

The Communist radio also announced that the Party's Central Committee has voted for the creation of a coalition government of China, excluding "reactionary elements" but including "democratic" non-Communists.

This evidently would exclude the present Nationalist government, which is seeking to negotiate a peace with the Communists.

The new government would be mapped at a political consultative conference, for which no date or place were disclosed.

The Nationalist and the Communist Committee also called for all-out efforts by Communists to learn to administer the cities of China. It reviewed the necessity of having depended on the countryside previously, but said now that big cities have been won, the centre of gravity of party work must be placed on the cities.

Meanwhile in Nanking Premier Ho Ying-chin and the newly appointed peace delegates met this morning with 100 military commanders for preliminary discussion of the military reorganization, which is regarded as the most knotty problem in the projected peace talks.

The meeting was held behind closed doors and no details were divulged. It is known that the Nationalist military reorganization is to be carried out in three stages, the first of which would be the reorganization of the military reorganization, which would possess the dual feature of being acceptable to the Communist and, at the same time, capable of maintaining the unity of the Nationalist army.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek laid down as one of his requirements for a peace settlement.

Meanwhile, two peace delegates today openly warned against undue optimism in the peace prospects.

Mr. Shao Li-tai said he himself cannot be optimistic of peace as long as the Communist army, or their original high demands, are still being put forward.

He said he wanted the government to relieve him of appointment as a peace delegate but his request was rejected and he has now agreed to carry on.

Mr. Li Cheng, the latest addition to the peace delegation, also told the peace delegation, said today

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Mr. Bevin  
Sails For  
New York

Southampton, March 25.

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin sailed for New York today aboard the liner Queen Mary after suffering a slight attack of what he called "asthmatic condition" last night.

The liner is scheduled to arrive at Cherbourg, France, this afternoon to pick up the remainder of her passengers including Mr. Andrei Gromyko, Deputy Russian Foreign Minister, Belgrade Premier and Foreign Minister Paul Henri Spaak also will board the ship at Cherbourg along with Luxembourg's Foreign Minister, Mr. Joseph Bech.

Diplomats aboard the Queen Mary will attend either the United Nations General Assembly session at Lake Success or the Atlantic Pact signing ceremony in Washington.—United Press.

to the Communists, 15 miles North of Nanking.

The troops, on reading the pamphlets which urged them to return and warned them against defecting, left their revolting commander, General Wang Yen-ching, with his divisional chief of staff, and six followers in Nanking's land on the North bank of the Yangtze River and returned to their station at Tanchiao, according to General Chiang Kai-shek, Vice-Commander of the Nanking station headquarters.

River traffic on the Yangtze between Nanking and Peking, on the North bank, was stopped four hours today during the tense period while the troops made their minds.

Nationalist soldiers with fixed bayonets patrolled the South bank of the river. Unconfirmed reports said that the abortive revolt followed the regimental parade, in which the soldiers were given 100 Gold Yuan for a month's pay.

Chiang Holds Money

Reliable official quarters said today that the financially hard pressed Nanking Government is being denied access to the use of about US\$100,000,000 in Chinese Treasury funds held by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's loyal subordinates.

Chinese officials are privately admitting Chiang Kai-shek is retaining control of at least one-third of the Government's hard specie assets. The assets are in foreign currencies, silver dollars, silver, and gold bullion.

Most of the funds are held in the Fukienese port of Amoy, Formosa and other South China ports. Another portion of the assets are said tied up in foreign bank accounts that the Government cannot draw upon.—United Press.

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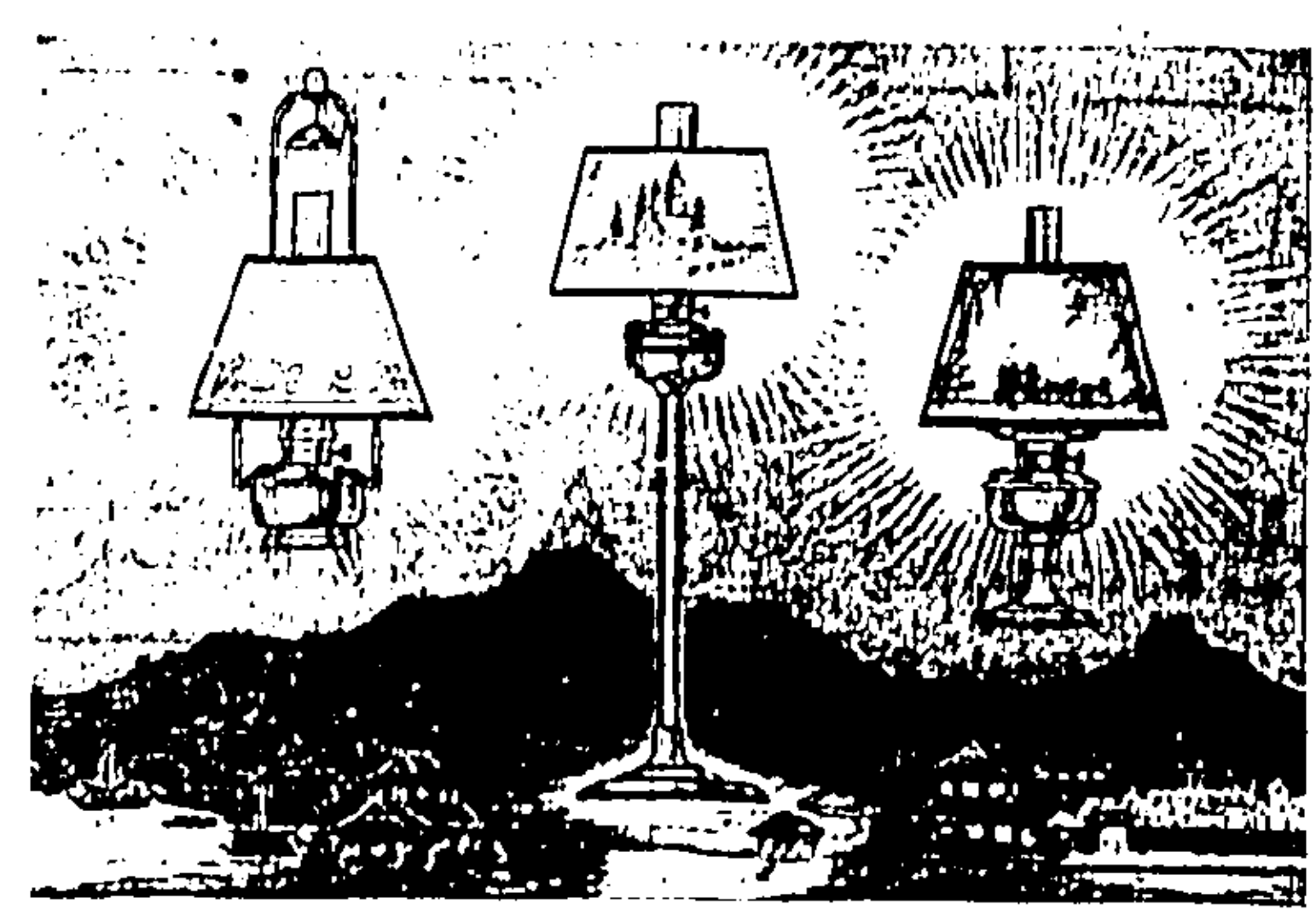
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## Gael Term For Extortionist

Found guilty of uttering a letter demanding money with menaces, Chan Chun was sentenced to six years' hard labour by Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Chan was convicted by a jury of three men and four women, who announced the verdict without retiring to deliberate.

Crown Counsel, Mr. A. Hooton, prosecuted, assisted by Detective Inspector C. Pope.

According to the prosecution, the complainant in the case, Fung Kwok-yu, is the master of the Vienna Tailor shop of 468 Nathan Road. He had a house also on Nathan Road a little further away from his shop. At the time of the offence the accused was a folk of the complainant, having been employed for some three months.

On the night of January 20, Counsel went on, shortly after midnight, Fung's wife discovered on the floor of their room a letter, picked it up she handed it to her husband, who opened it. The letter, which was addressed to him, had the names of the Tai Tung Branch Association, East River and its Chief, Li Wai-kwa, conjured on it.

The letter, Mr. Hooton continued, contained instructions for six \$500 notes to be placed in the letter box outside the complainant's residence on January 21. The letter also mentioned that if Fung told the matter to the police, he would be dealt with.

## Two Men Face More Charges

Two men, previously committed on charges of demanding money with menaces, and of being in possession of arms, were recalled to court to face three additional charges preferred against them by Mr. Charles Mottram, A. S. C. Director of Criminal Investigation.

The men, Wong Yue-chung, and Tang Yip, alias Tang Kun-yip, alleged members of an extortion gang in the New Territories, led by one Lok Nam-chai, for whose arrest the Police are offering \$1,000 as reward.

The additional charges against the two men were: (a) demanding a quantity of unhusked rice from a farmer, Cheung Tung-kei in December; (b) conspiring to utter a letter demanding a sum of \$1,000 and (c) conspiring to demand money.

The new proceedings, which went through two hearings before Mr. Blair-Kerr, resulted in the two men, Wong Yue-chung and Tang Yip being committed again to stand trial at the Supreme Court during the next sessions.

Evidence brought into court stated that some time between December 18 and 20, eight men, armed with guns approached a farmer, Cheung Tung-kei asking for a quantity of unhusked rice.

The farmer told them that he could not produce the rice, as it belonged to his uncle. The men went away, it was stated. The next morning they returned, armed with guns, and left a letter addressed to the uncle, asking for a quantity of unhusked rice. The letter was alleged to contain a demand for the sum of \$1,000, failing the compliance of which, the farmer will be rewarded by the men as "traitors" to their cause.

The Police soon came into possession of the letter after the farmer made a report despite warning by the men under threat that he would be in danger.

Police operation was soon put into effect resulting in one of the alleged eight men being shot. He later died of his wounds.

On this man, a number of written papers were found which the Police studied and in evidence stated that the handwriting on these papers was similar to that on the \$1,000 demand note.

Further evidence was brought by the prosecution conducted by Mr. Mottram and assisted by DSI MacKenzie, to show that the two men in the dock were identified as members of the gang that visited the farmer's house in the New Territories in December, and the letter demanding the relative to the request for rice and the letter demanding the \$1,000.

Both defendants reserved their defence until the trial at the Supreme Court.

**GARBAGE SERVICE**

Several firms have recently started operating a dust-bin removal and stairway cleaning service and have been advertising this service in the vernacular Press.

Certain of the advertisements were not clearly worded and the public may have been misled into believing that the Urban Council has authorised the companies to perform their services.

To avoid any misunderstanding, the Urban Council announced yesterday that the companies are unofficial and that it is up to the individual householder to decide whether or not he wishes to employ any one of the companies to remove his dust bin and clean his staircase.

A Bill to authorise the North Point Wharves, Limited, to make its own bye-laws will be introduced in the Legislative Council shortly for approval.

## Greek National Day



There was a short, simple but impressive ceremony at the Cenotaph yesterday when Mr. P. Yanquitos, Consul General for Greece in Hong Kong, and Mr. Baker, Consul General for Greece in Hong Kong, laid a wreath on the occasion of the Greek National Day. Among those present at the Cenotaph were Messrs. D. Victor, P. Skiotis, S. Petropoulos, G. Stamatiadis, Sharafeoglou, A.G. Gloulis and S. Pataras.

## Really He Didn't Mean To Stow Away But...

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

One night last November at Gabuti, North Africa, longshoreman, Iris Ahmed sought refuge in the No. 1 hold of the ss. Kvernaas after a hard day's work.

But the young Somali-born Zulu, aged 20, overslept and awoke to find himself in the Mediterranean Sea en route to Hong Kong.

Since then, Rudolph, as he is known aboard the Norwegian motorship, which made her local debut on Thursday, has been at sea and seems to like it very much.

It was on November 27 when the Kvernaas was loading at Gabuti and Ahmed was one of the native longshoremen supervising the work. Without realising that the ship was leaving port that night, the British-subject Zulu (he was born in 1928 at Harzen, British Somaliland) found himself a warm corner in the No. 1 hold among bales of cotton goods, newspapers and crates of whisky.

The Kvernaas weighed anchor at 10 p.m. with a strong Zulu among the 40 all-Norwegian personnel on board.

Ahmed speaks only his native tongue. To get along he resorts to the traditional sign language, interspersed with "savvy" (nodding his woolly head vigorously) and "No, savvy" (shaking an energetically from side to side).

Recalling his first meeting with Rudolph, a seaman said he had to pinch himself several times before he would believe that it was not one of his fellow seamen in disguise.

**Protasting Excitedly**

"The Zulu boy was gesticulating wildly and protesting excitedly. He ran to the side deck, pointing significantly to the horizon, as if to say he wanted to go back," the informant related. By means of sign language, the Zulu was made to understand that he would be taken care of aboard but had to work.

"At Port Sudan, we tried to disembark him, but the immigration authorities there would not grant permission, despite the fact that Ahmed has a British passport," the chief officer said.

"I thought at first it was a

robbery. The Cheung Yik-see Goldsmith Shop of 107 Johnston Road, ground floor, Wan-chai, was entered by four robbers at 8.30 p.m. last night, three of whom were armed.

About 100 pieces of gold rings and other jewellery valued at about HK\$5,000 were taken by the robbers.

One of the foks in the shop, who attempted to give the alarm, was shot at by one of the robbers, but was not injured. The robbers escaped.

## University Exhibition

People in Hong Kong have a chance to see Mr. Henry Young's rare collection of Chinese bronzes, ceramics and paintings which went on display at the Fung Ping Shan Library yesterday and will stay open today and tomorrow.

On the opening ceremony, the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham said that any man who has been collecting these rare curios, is bound to have a good knowledge of the subject.

"It is most fortunate that we can see a selection of Mr. Young's collection. He likes to share his beauty with others, especially with the young people so that they might know things of the past," continued the Governor.

"I understand that Mr. Young might find it possible to make a gift of this collection to the University. In that case, a proper building should be erected and the services of qualified men should be secured to look after them."

Mr. D.J. Sloos, vice-chancellor of the Hong Kong University, offered his thanks to the Governor and the audience for their presence at the opening ceremony.

"Before the war, we had a series of exhibitions of Chinese porcelain, bronzes, jade and pictures, all of which were extremely interesting, but now for the first time we have achieved the kind of exhibition that we have aimed at," said Mr. Sloos.

It is very generous of Mr. Young to allow us to have this selection from his great collection. A great deal of work in the preliminary arrangements was done by my colleagues, and I like to express my thanks to them all," said Mr. Sloos.

Among Mr. Young's collection, there are some old bronzes which dated back 2,000 years, a painting by Wang Meng, one of the greatest artists in Chinese history.

## KEEPPERS OF OPIUM DIVANS SENTENCED

Several keepers of opium divans were yesterday sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine by Mr. F.X. d'Almeida at Central.

For keeping a divan at No. 11 Sung Hing Street, second floor, Lok Chiu-hing, aged 20, was given six months and five smokers fined \$100.

Ng Lul, aged 25, was sentenced to six months for keeping a divan at an unnumbered hut in Wong Chai Hang Village. Defendant told the magistrate that she had two children aged seven and five to look after, and wanted to have her sentence reduced. This was refused by the magistrate. Fourteen smokers were fined \$75 each or 20 days.

For keeping a divan, Yiu Ching-wing given six months and was also recommended for banishment. The police raided an unnumbered hut in Old Bailey Street and three arrested defendants and two smokers. The smokers were each fined \$75 or 20 days.

Ng Chau, a woman, was sentenced to six months for keeping a divan. Two smokers, who were absent, had their bail of \$250 forfeited, and two others were fined \$100 each.

For keeping a divan at New Market Street, Ng Mui-chun was sentenced to six months and seven smokers were fined \$100 or 20 days each.

For keeping a divan and with being the tenant, So Nam, aged 40, of No. 22 Tai Ping Shan Street was sentenced to 12 months and four smokers were fined \$100 or 20 days.

A seaman, Cheung Kai, aged 40, was fined \$8,000 or six months for the possession of 10 taels of opium at No. 48 Queen's Road West, second floor.

## ROBBERY SUSPECTS

Six suspects were arrested early yesterday morning in connection with the armed robbery which took place at a grocery store at Diamond Hill, Kowloon City, on Thursday night. Two revolvers were seized.

The shopkeeper and his wife were both wounded by the robbers when they tried to resist.

## CONTROL OFF

Prices of electric lamp bulbs, General Electric, Mazda, Osram, Philips, and other brands, are no longer controlled.

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## VAGRANCY

William Drummond, aged 28, of no fixed abode at Grange-moore, Scotland, was charged at Central yesterday with being a vagrant. He pleaded guilty.

Defendant arrived on March 3 by the President Wilson and was a member of the crew. The ship left the following day and he missed his ship.

Drummond was ordered to be detained. The sending arrangements for his return to the United Kingdom.

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Building (31255).

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SHANGHAI FASHION SCHOOL  
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& Sewing Classes. Apply to 303  
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Saturdays.

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## NOTICE

CHINA  
ENTERTAINMENT &  
LAND INVESTMENT  
CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that an Extraordinary General  
Meeting of the shareholders of  
the above-named Company will  
be held at the Registered Office  
of the Company in Entertain-  
ment Building, 5th floor, on  
Thursday the 14th day of April  
1949 immediately following the  
Ordinary Yearly Meeting due to  
be held at 12 noon on that day  
for the purpose of considering  
and if thought fit, passing the  
following Resolutions as Special  
Resolutions:

1. That there shall be added  
immediately after Article 103  
of the Articles of Association the  
following four Articles:

108a. Any general meeting  
declaring a dividend may re-  
solve that such dividend be  
paid wholly or in part by  
the distribution of securities or  
other property in particular of  
paid-up shares, debentures, or  
debenture stock of the Com-  
pany, or paid-up shares, de-  
bentures, or debenture stock  
of any other company, or in  
any one or more of such  
ways.

108b. Any general meeting  
may resolve that any moneys,  
investments, or other assets  
forming part of the undivided  
profits of the Company stand-  
ing to the credit of the re-  
serve fund, or any capital  
redemption reserve fund, or  
in the hands of the Company  
and available for dividend be  
capitalised and distributed  
amongst such of the share-  
holders as would be entitled  
to receive the same if dis-  
tributed amongst such of the  
shareholders as would be  
entitled to receive the same  
if distributed by way of  
dividend and in the same  
proportions on the footing  
that they become entitled  
thereto as capital and that all  
or any part of such capitalised  
fund be applied on behalf of  
such shareholders in paying  
up in full, either at par or  
at such premium as the re-  
solutions may provide, any  
unpaid shares or debentures  
or debenture stock of the  
Company which shall be dis-  
tributed accordingly or in or  
towards payment of the un-  
called liability on any issued  
shares or debentures or de-  
benture stock, and that such  
distribution or payment shall  
be accepted by such share-  
holders in full satisfaction of  
their interest in the capitalised  
sum.

108c. A general meeting may  
resolve that any surplus  
moneys arising from the  
realisation or re-valuation of  
any capital assets of the  
Company, or any investments  
representing the same, or any  
undistributed profits of the  
Company not subject to  
charge for income tax or pro-  
fits tax, be distributed among  
the members on the footing  
that they receive the same as  
capital.

108d. For the purpose of  
giving effect to any resolution  
under the three last preceding  
articles the Directors may  
settle any difficulty which  
may arise in regard to the  
distribution as they think  
expedient, and in particular  
may issue fractional certi-  
ficates, and may fix the value  
for distribution of any specific  
assets, and may determine  
that cash payments shall be  
made to any members upon  
the footing that the value so  
fixed or that fractions of less  
value than \$10.00 may be  
disregarded in order to adjust  
the rights of all parties, and  
may vest any such cash or  
specific assets in trustees upon  
such trusts for the persons  
entitled to the dividend or  
capitalised fund as may be  
expedient to the Directors.  
Where requisite, a proper  
contract shall be delivered to  
the Registrar for registration  
in accordance with the pro-  
visions of the Ordinance, and  
the Directors may appoint  
any person to sign such con-  
tract on behalf of the persons  
entitled to the dividend or  
capitalised fund, and such  
appointment shall be effective.

2. That the first sub-paragraph  
of Article 108 of the Articles  
of Association be deleted and  
that the following be sub-  
stituted therefor:

The profits of the Company  
shall be applied as follows:  
First, a sum up to \$100,000.00  
out of the profits shall be  
paid and distributed as  
dividend among the members  
in proportion to the amount  
of capital paid up on the  
shares held by them respec-  
tively; dividend to be paid  
in priority to any other  
payment out of the profits.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO  
HEREBY GIVEN that at the same  
Meeting the following Resolutions  
will be submitted for considera-  
tion, and if thought fit, passing as  
Extraordinary Resolutions:

1. That the authorised capital  
of the Company be increased  
to \$5,000,000.00 by the creation  
(Continued at foot of next Col.)

## CHEUNG CHAU FERRY SERVICE

On and after the 27th March, 1949.

Leaving								
Hongkong	6.30 a.m.	9.00 a.m.	*10.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.	4.00 p.m.	6.15 p.m.	
Ping Chau Island	10.05 "	"	"	12.10 p.m.	2.05 "	5.05 "	"	
Silvermine Bay	10.30 "	"	"	12.35 "	2.30 "	5.30 "	"	
Arr. Cheung Chau	7.50 a.m.	11.05 "	11.20 a.m.	1.05 "	3.05 "	6.05 "	7.35 p.m.	
Leaving								
Cheung Chau	7.15 a.m.	8.00 a.m.	11.20 a.m.	1.30 p.m.	3.45 p.m.	*5.30 p.m.	6.15 p.m.	
Silvermine Bay	8.30 "	"	"	2.00 "	4.15 "	"	"	
Ping Chau Island	8.55 "	"	"	2.25 "	4.40 "	"	"	
Arr. Hongkong	8.35 a.m.	10.05 "	12.40 p.m.	3.35 "	5.50 "	6.50 p.m.	7.35 p.m.	

\* Sundays and Public Holidays only.

THE HONGKONG &amp; YAU MATI FERRY CO., LTD.

THE HONG KONG ROPE  
MANUFACTURING  
COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that  
the Sixtieth Ordinary Yearly  
Meeting of Shareholders will be  
held at the Offices of the Com-  
pany, Chung Tin Building, First  
Floor, 5 Des Voeux Road Cen-  
tral, Victoria, Hongkong, on  
Tuesday, 5th April, 1949 at  
Noon, for the purpose of re-  
ceiving a Statement of Accounts  
and the Report of the Directors  
for the year ended 31st Decem-  
ber, 1948, and to transact the  
ordinary business of the Com-  
pany.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of  
the Company will be closed  
from Tuesday, 22nd March,  
1949, until Tuesday, 5th April,  
1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of  
Directors,  
SHEWAN TOMES &  
CO., LTD.  
I. W. SHEWAN,  
Director,  
General Managers.  
Hong Kong, March 11, 1949.

THE HONG KONG LAND  
INVESTMENT &  
AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the FIFTY-SEVENTH  
ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING  
OF SHAREHOLDERS in this  
Company will be held at the  
Offices of Messrs. Jardine,  
Matheson & Co., Ltd., on MON-  
DAY, 28th March, 1949, at  
NOON to receive the Report of  
the Directors together with the  
Statement of Accounts for the  
year ended 31st December, 1948,  
to elect Directors, and to  
appoint Auditors.

The REGISTER OF SHARES  
of the Company will be closed  
from MONDAY, 14th March,  
1949, to MONDAY, 28th March,  
1949, both days inclusive, dur-  
ing which period no transfer of  
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of  
Directors,  
B. C. FIELD,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 4, 1949.

(Continued from Col. 3)

of 400,000 ordinary shares of  
\$10.00 each.

2. That it is desirable to capi-  
talise a sum of \$998,580.00  
being part of the balance  
standing at the credit of the  
Capital Reserve consisting of  
surplus on re-valuation of  
land and accordingly that  
such sum be and is hereby  
capitalised, and distributed in  
pursuance of the Articles of  
Association of the Company,  
and that such capital sum be  
applied on behalf of the per-  
sons who on the 14th day of  
April 1949 were the holders  
of the 88,858 issued shares  
of the nominal value of \$10.00  
each and that such 88,858  
new ordinary shares credited  
as fully paid be accordingly  
allotted to such persons respec-  
tively in the proportion of  
one such new share for every  
one of the said issued shares  
then held by such persons respec-  
tively, and that the shares  
so distributed shall be treated  
for all purposes as an  
increase of the nominal  
amount of the capital of the  
Company held by each such  
shareholder and not as in-  
come, and further that such  
new shares shall from the  
1st day of January 1949 rank  
for dividend and in all other  
respects pari-passu with the  
already issued shares.

Dated the 23rd day of March  
1949.

By Order of the Board,  
GEORGE V. K. SUN  
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG AND  
KOWLOON WHARF  
AND GODOWN  
COMPANY LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG)

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

ORDINARY YEARLY  
MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that  
the Fifty-eighth Ordinary  
Yearly Meeting of the Members  
of the Company will be held at  
the office of Messrs Jardine,  
Matheson & Company Limited,  
Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on  
Monday the 11th day of  
April, 1949, at Noon, to trans-  
act the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the  
Report of the Directors and the  
Statement of Accounts for  
the year ended 31st  
December, 1948.
2. To sanction a dividend in  
respect of the year 1948.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER  
BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the  
Transfer Books and Register of  
Members will be closed from  
the 28th March, 1949 to the  
11th April, 1949, both days in-  
clusive.

By Order of the  
Board of Directors,  
G. B. S. THOMSON,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 21, 1949.

Alteration of  
Telephone Numbers

## YU TUNG TAI LIMITED

13, Chater Road,

from

33045, 33245, 25536

to

27758, 27759, 27750

on Monday,

28th March, 1949.

## LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers, Surveyors  
and Appraisers,  
Pedder Building,  
Telephone No. 20224.

## Service Auction Rooms

A. E. de Souza, Auctioneer,  
Auctioneers, Surveyors, etc.,  
Basement, French Bank Bldg.,  
Telephone 31857.

## NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 8 OF 1949

VICTORIA HARBOUR.

SNOLLVAFEDD ONIDGREDH

It is notified for general information that, on and after  
April 1, 1949 and until further notice, the dredger "HONG  
KONG" may be found dredging within the area:—

Lat. 22° 17' 34" N. Long. 114° 12' 48" E.

Lat. 22° 17' 54" N. Long. 114° 13' 10" E.

2. The dredger will display the signals prescribed in  
Notice to Mariners No. 7 of 1949.

3. All vessels shall give this dredger a wide berth  
and shall reduce speed to 3 knots when passing.

Authority.—Marine Department, Hong Kong.

N. GARLAND,  
Acting Director of Marine.

Marine Office,  
Hong Kong, March 24, 1949.

## NOTICE

RATING ORDINANCE, 1901

(Ordinance No. 6 of 1901)

Pursuant to Section 14 of  
the Rating Ordinance, 1901, it  
is hereby notified that the  
1949/1950 Valuation List of  
the tenements of Hong Kong  
Island, Kowloon and New  
Kowloon will be open to in-  
spection at the Treasury dur-  
ing office hours for twenty one  
days commencing on Monday,  
March 28, 1949, and any owner  
or occupier of any tenement  
included in the list may, during  
the twenty one days, take any  
extract therefrom.

J. RING,  
Commissioner.

March 26, 1949.

NOTICE TO MARINERS  
NO. 7 OF 1949

## HONG KONG WATERS

As from April 1, 1949 all  
vessels engaged in dredging,  
or boring operations, within  
the waters of the Colony, shall  
show the signals hereinafter  
mentioned to indicate the  
nature of the work on which  
they are employed:—

By day.—  
A black ball at the foremast  
head and a black ball at the  
yardarm on the side, or sides,  
on which it is safe to pass.  
A red flag to be displayed at  
the yardarm on the side on  
which it is dangerous for  
vessels to pass.

By night.—

(i) All round white lights  
instead of the black balls and  
an all round red light instead  
of the red flag, and display-  
ed in a similar position.

(ii) Anchor light or lights  
as required by Article 11 of  
International Regulations for  
Preventing Collision at Sea.

2) Conduct of vessels in the  
vicinity of dredgers or vessels  
engaged in boring operations.

(i) It is the duty of any  
vessel—whether steam or sail  
—to give vessels engaged in  
dredging or boring operations,  
a wide berth.

(ii) To reduce speed to not  
exceeding three knots when  
passing.

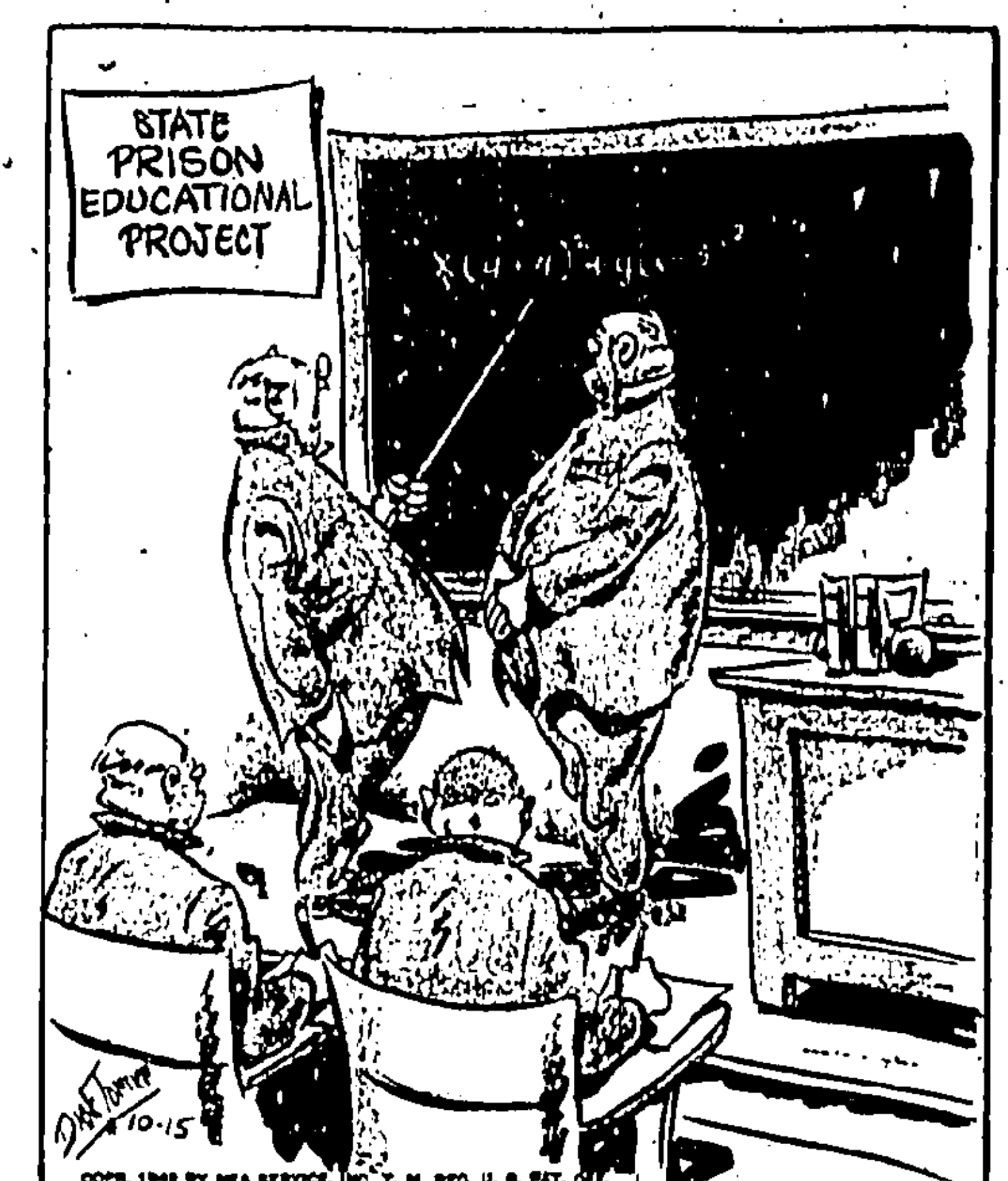
Authority.—Marine Depart-  
ment, Hong Kong.

N. GARLAND,  
Acting Director of Marine.

Marine Office,  
Hong Kong, March 24, 1949.

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"In algebra, Muggsy, X does not mark the spot where  
the body was found!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE  
By Shepard Barclay  
"The Authority on Authorities"

SHOW THE OTHER SUIT

IT IS NEARLY always bad  
bridge to let your partner play  
for a No Trump game if you have  
shown him in the bidding only  
one of two strongly biddable live-  
card suits. Unless his bids have  
definitely shown both of the  
other suits soundly stopped, there  
is danger to his project. When  
he has given no such assurance,  
it is nearly always best to take  
him out with your unbid suit at  
the level of four, even if the  
suit be a minor. That gives him  
three options—either of your  
two suits or No Trumps, the lat-  
ter of course at a higher level  
than before, but a choice he  
won't make unless with very  
good stoppers in the other two  
suits.

Extremely unsound. If he had  
shown one of his suits at once  
over East's opener, he could  
have shown the other on his  
next turn. Then, in case North  
preferred No Trumps after that,  
South could have left him alone.  
But North would not have bid No  
Trump in that situation. He  
would have supported the dia-  
monds. South should have called  
2-Hearts over the 1-Spade.  
North would have bid 2-No  
Trump and South then 3-Dia-  
monds. North, knowing that  
such bidding would invite a club  
lead which might whip-saw his  
Q, should have supported the  
diamonds and a game would  
have resulted, with tricks lost  
only to the black ace.

Having made the mistake of  
doubling, South should have  
taken out the 3-No Trumps to  
4-Diamonds, and the pair would  
have reached the right contract  
anyway. Even if North then put  
it into hearts, the game would  
have been secure, with a trick  
to spare.

Tomorrow's Problem

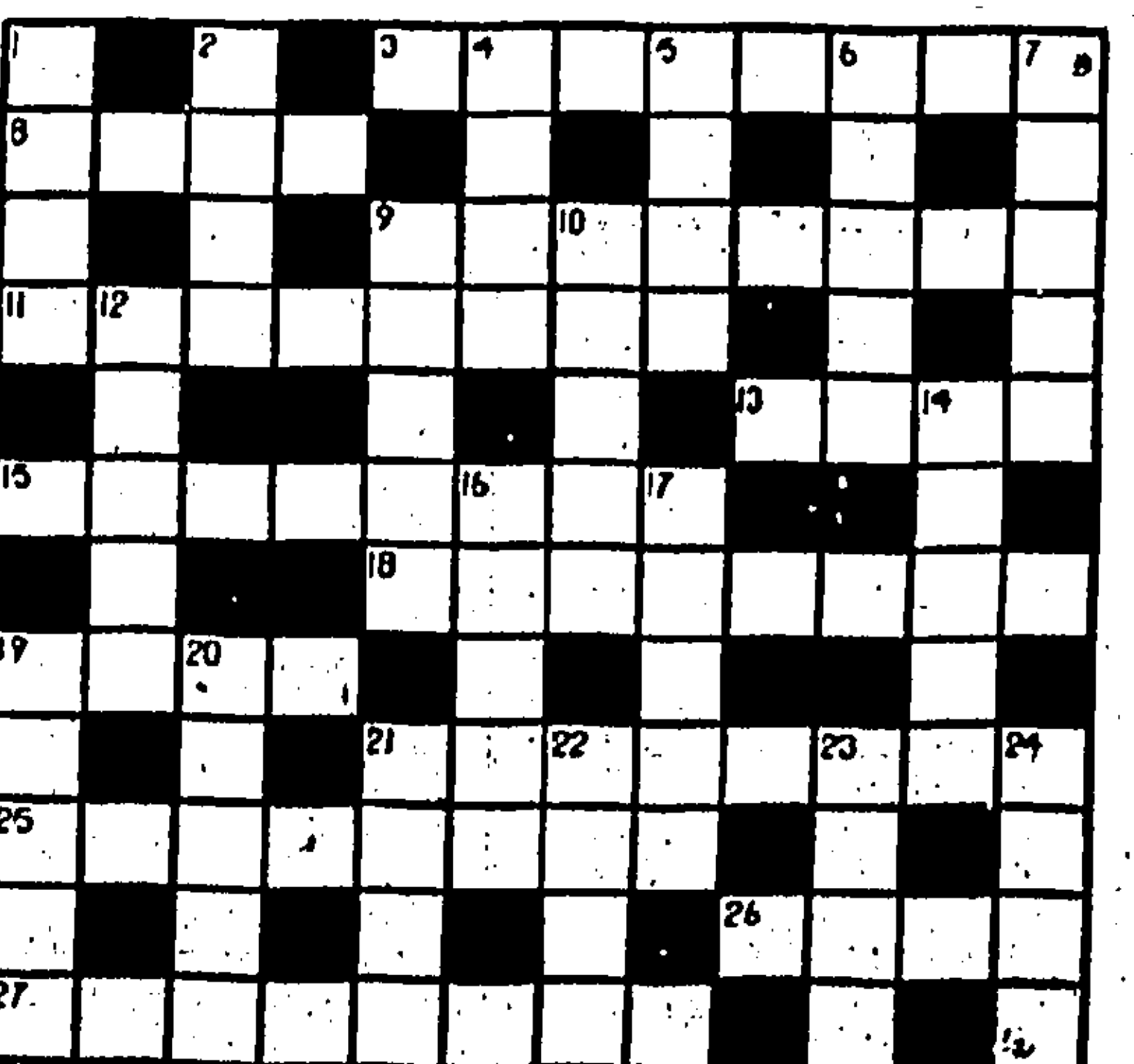
S A 8  
H K 6 3  
D K Q 7 5 2  
C J 9 8  
S J 10 7 6  
H 9 7 4  
D None  
C A K 8  
5 4 2

That bidding proved disastrous  
for North and South. East pro-  
prietarily led the club 7 to the K and  
the return resulted in the game  
being defeated before North ever  
got the lead.

It was all South's fault. He  
made two mistakes during the  
auction. In the first place, a  
double with his two-suiter was

(Dealer: North Neither side  
vulnerable).  
What are South's rights if East  
out-of-turn leads the club Q  
against 4-Hearts? What option  
should South choose?

## A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 3 Encroachment.
- 8 Frank.
- 9 Obvious.
- 11 Exhausted.
- 13 Lump of earth.
- 15 Certain.

18 Treating in a furnace.
- 20 Skin.
- 21 Leashed.
- 23 Unusual.
- 26 Conspiracy.
- 27 Determined.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Seldom, 4 Comet,  
7 Eminence, 8 Allen, 9 Decent, 11  
Onerous, 13 Compare, 15 Sud-  
den, 18 Cross, 19 Alliance, 20  
Ead, 21 Drury.

DOWN—1 Stead, 2 Dense, 3  
Monitor, 4 Create, 5 Manifest, 6  
Ready.

1 Unlting force.
- 2 Profound.
- 4 Tidy.
- 5 Pareded.
- 6 Perfect.
- 7 Observed.
- 9 Encounter.
- 10 Pluck.
- 12 Run off.
- 14 Weight.
- 16 Drive.
- 17 Church official.
- 19 Difficult question.
- 20 Golf course.
- 21 Uninterest- ing.
- 22 Sharp.
- 23 Incline.
- 24 Tax.
- 25 Tennis.
- 26 Composes.
- 28 Nestled.
- 29 Cockle.
- 30 Drake.
- 31 Ready.



## FLASH

GREAT NEWS FOR  
HONG KONG  
FILM FANSJANE  
WYMANWINS  
ACADEMY AWARD  
FOR HER ROLE INJOHNNY  
BELINDA

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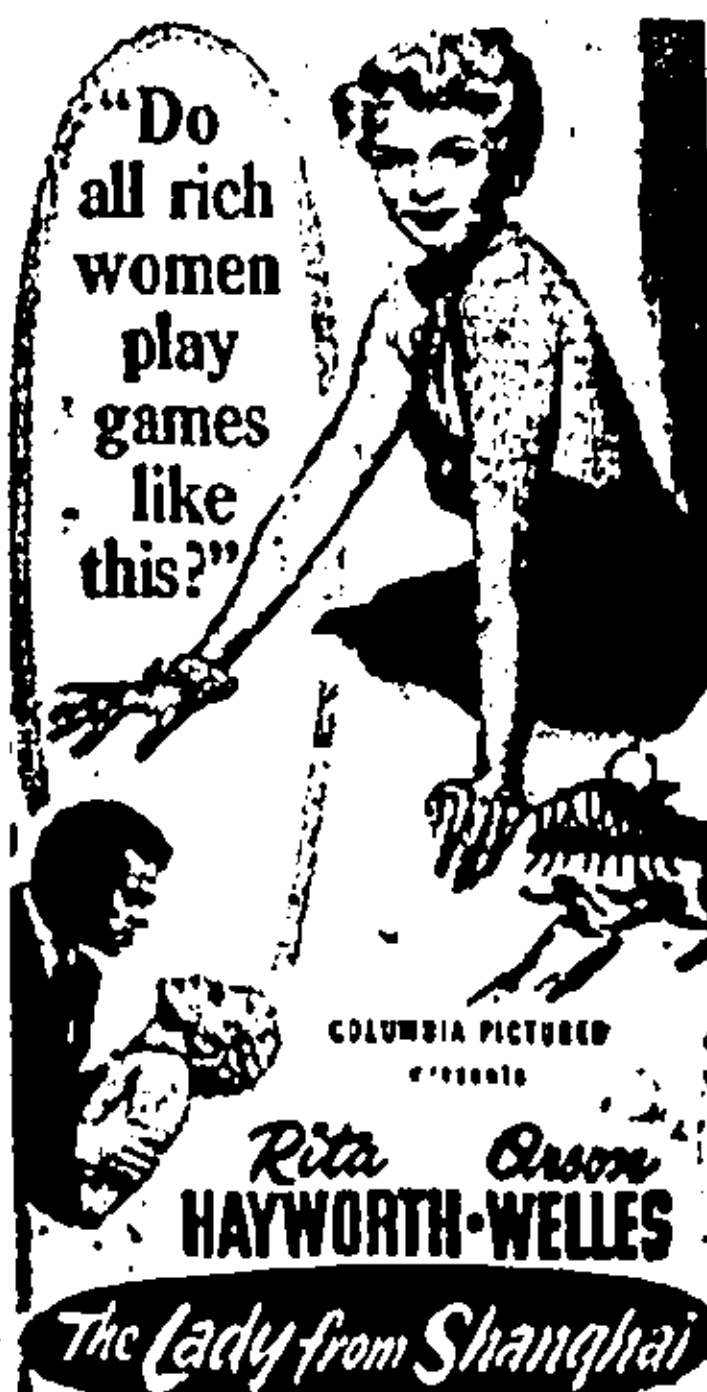
STAR

Phone 56335

17 Hankow Road, Kowloon

— TODAY ONLY —

2.30, 5.10, 7.20 &amp; 9.30 P.M.



— TOMORROW —

James Cagney

George Raft

in

"EACH DAWN I DIE"

## COMMITTEE SAYS : -

Thousands Spying  
In United States

Washington, March 25.

The U.S. House Un-American Activities Committee said today that thousands of Russian agents and more thousands of Americans are spying in the United States.

It said some of the spies may be attached to the Russian Embassy or the United Nations.

In a time of national crisis, the Committee said, the United States would have nearly 825,000 persons who are either spies, traitors or saboteurs working against the country from within.

The statements were made in a pamphlet titled "Spotlight on Spies." Its publication was only one of several developments of the day bearing on U.S. relations with the Soviet world and the Committee's own proceedings.

Others included:  
1.—The State Department made public a report declaring that the Soviet Government fears a free interchange of ideas with the West because 30 years of Communism have failed to give the Soviet people a living standard even approximating that of Americans. The report was timed for the opening of the three-day "World Peace Conference" in New York which the State Department had predicted will be a sounding board for Communist propaganda.

## FBI Estimate

2.—The number of Soviet bloc delegates to the "Peace Conference" was cut from 21 to 10 when visas were denied to two Rumanians. The entry permits were denied because the Rumanian Government refused to send the delegates as officials rather than as private individuals.

The Un-American Activities Committee estimate of 825,000 potential spies, traitors or saboteurs in the U.S. was based on old figures of the FBI Director, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

Mr. Hoover had listed 74,000 Communist party members in the U.S. and said Communists claimed that for every party member there are 10 others ready, willing and able to do the party's work.

The Committee said the spies are seeking production secrets of the atom bomb. It said it knows some of the secrets have been stolen, but not how much of the bomb formula.

The Committee mentioned no names of suspects in its pamphlet.

The Committee said it had uncovered recent secret orders from abroad, to spy leaders here, list-

## MAJESTIC

SHOWING TODAY  
At 2.30, 5.00, 7.20 & 9.40 P.M.The  
Foxes of  
Harrow

REX HARRISON - MAUREEN O'HARA

20th CENTURY FOX

— NEXT CHANGE —

ROBERT MITCHUM

JANE GREER

in

"Out of the Past"

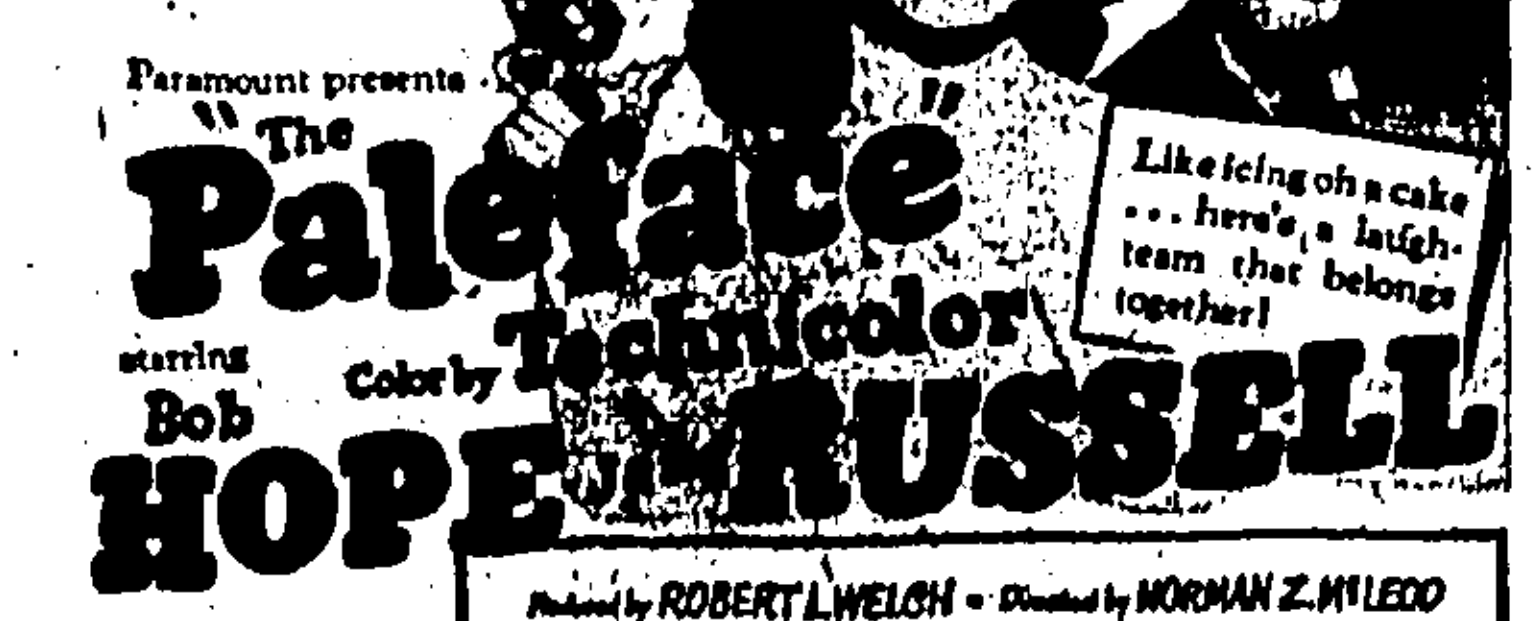
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AIR-CONDITIONED

TAKE ANY EASTERN TRAM CAR OR HAPPY VALLEY BUS

Showing Today At 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 &amp; 9.20 p.m.

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BOB'S Got A JANE  
That's Got What  
It Takes...  
And Brother...  
Can He Take It!ALSO WALT DISNEY'S COLOR CARTOON  
"DADDY DUCK"SPECIAL MORNING SHOW ON SUNDAY at 12.30  
"AN ALL CARTOON PROGRAMME"  
At Reduced Prices. Bring the whole family along!Charter For  
Beach DonkeysLondon, March 24.  
Donkeys giving rides to children on at least two beaches in Britain this year will have shorter working hours and an hour off for lunch.

Fifty donkeys at Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, have had their working hours reduced from 72 to 64 a week under a "donkeys' charter" drawn up in collaboration with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. They will finish at 7 p.m. every night and have Sunday off.

The East Coast seaport of Skegness has gone one better by limiting weekly working hours to 42, but in return the donkeys must give children a ride on Sunday.—Reuter.

'RED DEAN'  
ON THE  
WARPATHLondon, March 24.  
Dr. Hewitt Johnson, the "Red Dean" of Canterbury, declared today that the Atlantic Pact aims to organize the British people into a war camp against Russia.

"We do not agree with this pact. We do not agree that the British people should be used as cannon fodder in a war against their best friends, the people of the USSR," he declared.

"We believe that the interests of the British people lie in friendship and in trade, which would help them to achieve security and a rising standard of living."

Dr. Johnson made his statement in a message to a public meeting attended by six Russian women delegates to the recent International Women's Day celebrations in London.—Reuter.

LEVEL CROSSING  
TRAGEDYCairo, March 24.  
Fourteen workers were killed and 40 injured when a truck taking them to work, crashed into a train at a crossing 20 miles south of Alexandria.

Both the truck and the engine were hurled into a nearby canal by the violence of the collision.—Reuter.

SHOW BUSINESS  
UPSET BY BILL

London, March 24.

The British show business is resisting a Parliamentary move to "impose" a new kind of freedom upon it.

The theatre world is alarmed by a private bill, to be debated in the House of Commons tomorrow, which would abolish censorship of stage plays.

The bill, introduced by Mr. E. P. Smith (Edward Percy, the dramatist), Conservative Member of Parliament, has strong all-party backing, but it is opposed by the Government as well as the theatre.

Advocates of the bill argue that the British theatre is subjected to restrictions upon freedom of expression not applied to other forms of literature. Theatrical circles contend that abolition of censorship would be dangerous.

British stage plays are authorized for performance by the Lord Chamberlain. The view of the theatrical industry is that a play licensed by him is a good defence for any manager wrong-

fully accused of offending public morals.  
The industry has told the Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, that if the Lord Chamberlain's censorship were removed, theatres would be at the mercy of unilateral action by local authorities throughout the country.

Theatrical producers have clashed in the past with zealous local defenders of public morals in the shape of watch committees and similar municipal bodies.

These bodies keep vigilant watch for scantiness in female stage attire and over-broadness in comedy. They are quick to define the difference between artistry and nudity. Nudity is permissible on many stages provided only that the nudes remain motionless in an artistic pose.

The bill is unlikely to be passed in view of the Government's opposition.—Reuter.

MARRIAGE LAW CHANGE  
REJECTED IN LORDS

London, March 24.

An attempt by Lord Mancroft, Conservative, to get Parliamentary approval for a change in the English marriage law failed in the House of Lords tonight.

He asked for agreement to a bill, which would have enabled a man, who has divorced his wife, to marry her sister or for a woman, who has divorced her husband, to marry his brother.

This can not be done under the present law, though a widow may marry the brother of her deceased husband and a widower may marry the sister of his deceased wife, he said.

He described the present law as illogical, harsh and out of keeping with modern conditions. It encourages irregular unions and causes much unnecessary hardship.

The bill contained a proviso forbidding the marriage of an adulterous brother and sister-in-law.

Most Peers who took part in the debate favoured the bill, but it was opposed by the Government and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher.

## Interests Of Society

The Archbishop thought the Church would be neutral, but he opposed it on what he conceived to be the general interests of society. Emotional relations or mutual attraction are altogether excluded as between father and daughter, mother and son, brother and sister, he said. They therefore never arise.

"But in the family and domestic circle within which there is this absolute mutual security and the distractions and torments of sexual attraction are not permitted, the in-laws are suddenly to be excluded," he added.

He maintained that if the possibility of an emotional and sexual relationship is not ruled out by an implicit assurance, the basic security which is pursued subconsciously and instinctively in all relations with in-laws would go.

Lord Mancroft withdrew his bill in view of the Government's attitude.—Reuter.

CALL BY  
BRITISH  
REDS

London, March 24.

The British Communist Party tonight told its members that they must organize mass demonstrations against the Atlantic Pact, and demand of every member of Parliament that he vote against its ratification.

The party said in a statement: "We warn the Government that the British working people will never allow themselves to be used as the tools of Wall Street and the key for war against Socialist Russia and a Socialist Europe."

"The united strength of the peoples of the world will smash the war plans of the Atlantic Pact."

The party said the Pact ties Britain to the American millionaires and war lords. "Britain is already placed under American military occupation," the statement continued.

"We do not want Britain to be turned into the Malta of an atomic war."

Earlier, the party's Political Committee, in a statement issued after a meeting, described the pact as a pact for war, and compared it with the anti-Communist Pact signed by Germany, Italy and Japan and the Munich Pact.—Reuter.

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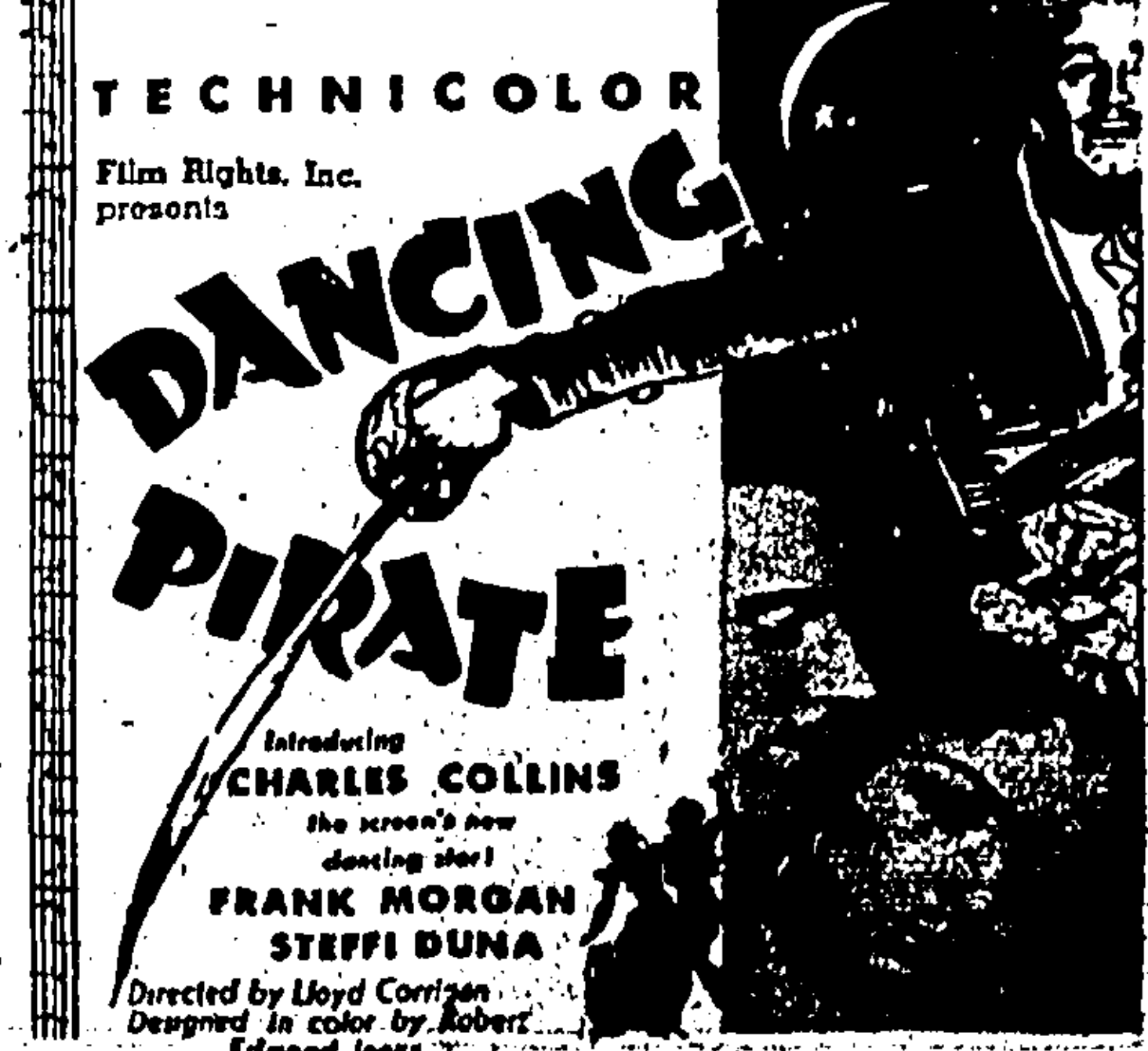
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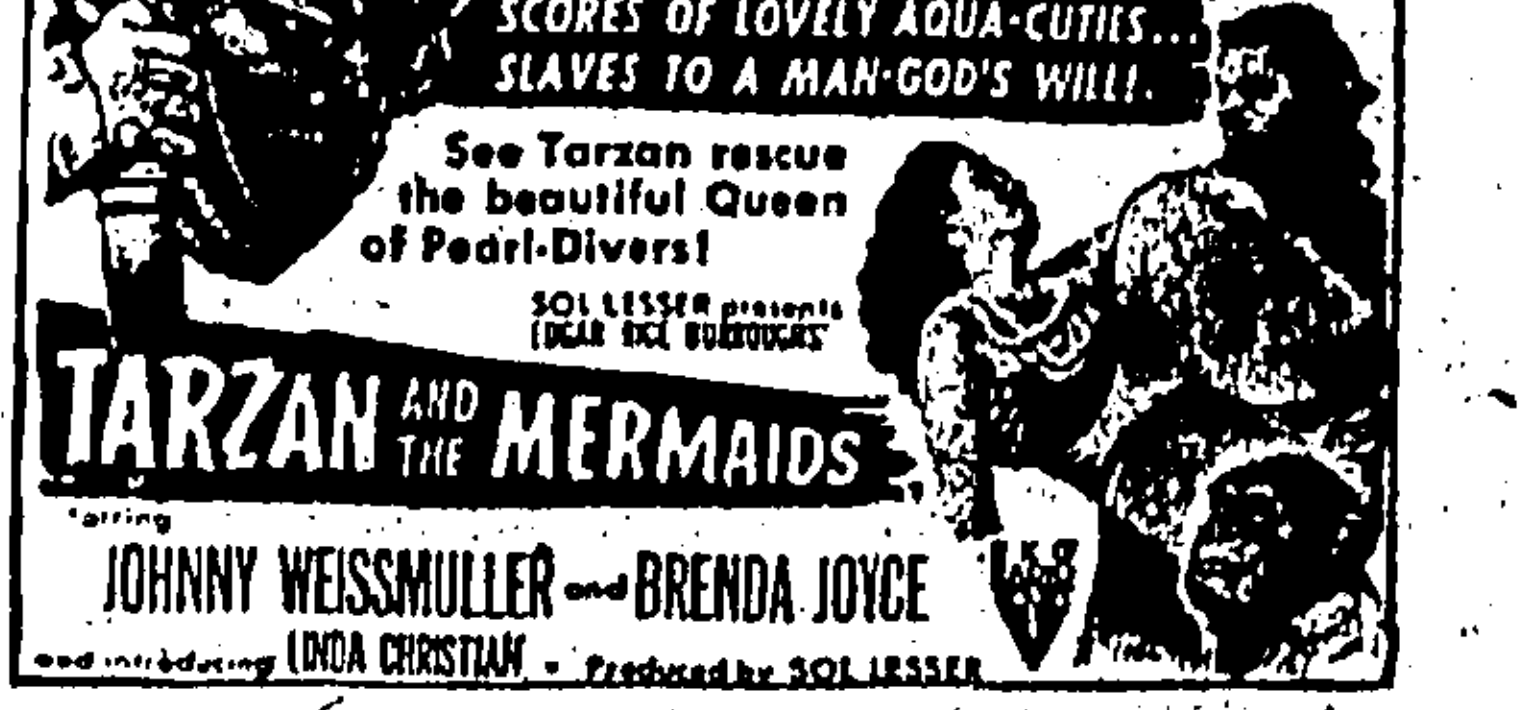
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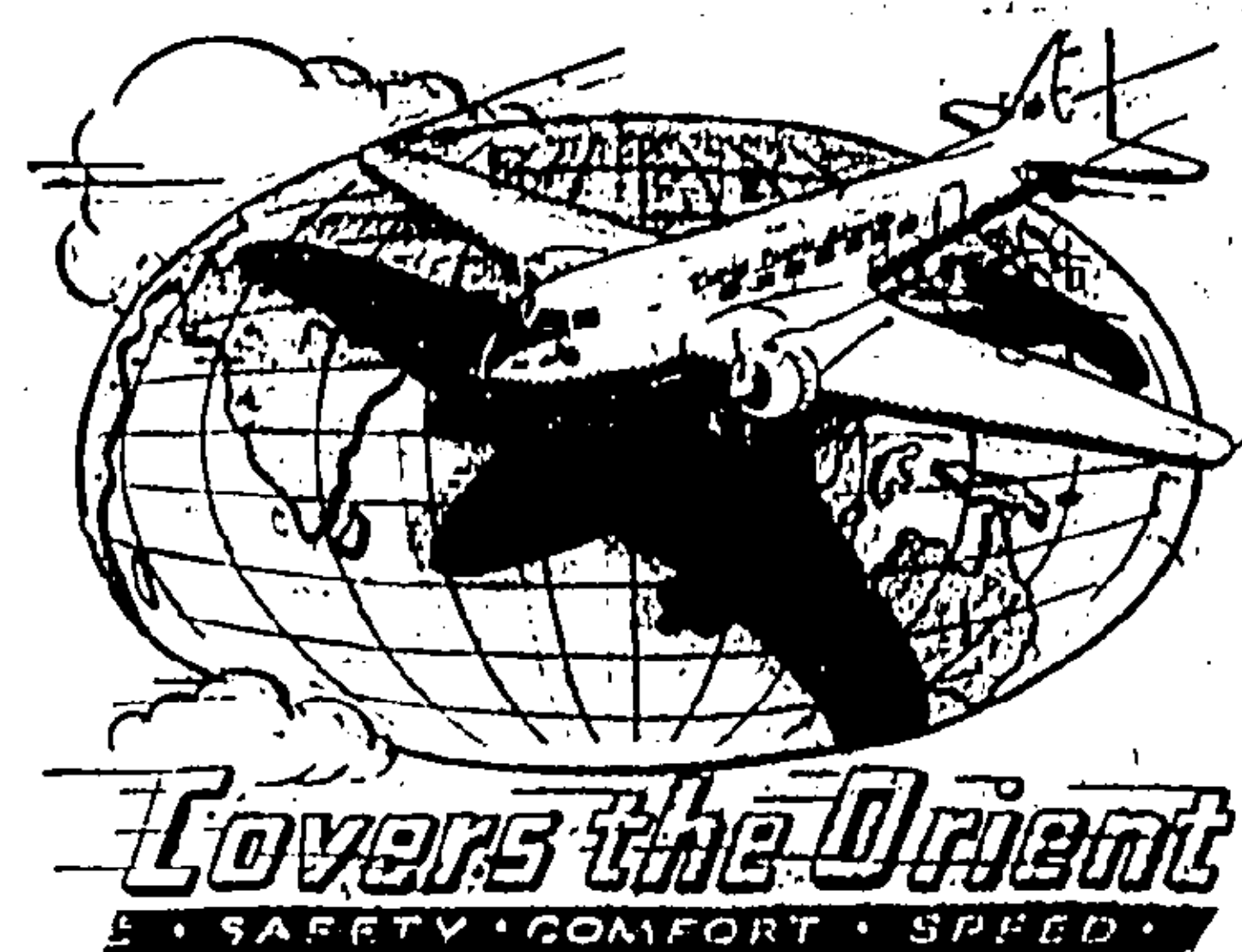
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## NO ROOM

Within the next few days  
the Colony's citizens will be  
privileged to see two first-  
class exhibitions—Mr. Henry  
Young's exquisite collection  
of Chinese antiques, and Mr.  
S. K. Chan's sculpture and  
paintings. The former is  
being shown in the Peng  
Ping-shan Library, and the  
other at the Hotel Cecil.

In a Hong Kong filled with  
large and often handsome  
buildings, there has been no  
time for culture amid the  
hectic business of cornering  
a few dollars. That is, there  
has been no chance for the  
person without money to  
become familiar with the  
loveliness, serenity and in-  
spiration of art. There are,  
however, many fine private  
collections in the Colony,  
some of which were men-  
tioned in an authoritative  
article in these columns yester-  
day by Professor Cheng  
Te-kun. After describing  
how several world-famous  
museums were founded or  
materially enriched by the  
gifts of private individuals,  
he added, "There is no reason  
why a Hong Kong museum  
should not be benefited by  
Hong Kong collectors."

This is obviously true.  
Some enthusiasts of many  
years' standing find their  
own dwellings becoming too  
small to house their treas-  
ures, or lacking as a back-  
ground. A few wish to share  
their enchantment with  
others, even temporarily.  
Still more may be unable  
to part with the beloved  
objects during their life, but  
are glad to bequeath them  
to an appropriate institution  
in their will. It is impos-  
sible to doubt that if there  
were a repository in the  
Colony, it would gradually  
grow into something to rival  
the Chinese collections in the  
Louvre and the British  
Museum.

To readers who themselves  
are inadequately housed, it  
may seem an untimely sug-  
gestion that some kind of  
exhibition hall be built here.  
Its erection would, however,  
affect the accommodation  
hungry public hardly at all.  
Also, it need not be confined  
to purely cultural exhibitions  
and might in fact be run on  
commercial lines.

In the current H.K. Gen-  
eral Chamber of Commerce  
report, Mr. Eric Himsforth,  
then superintendent of im-  
ports and exports, put for-  
ward a recommendation on  
similar lines. He believed  
"a permanent exhibition hall  
could be run by somebody  
representing a large section  
of the commercial commu-  
nity, or alternatively, by gov-  
ernment itself." It would,  
he thought, "serve a most  
useful purpose in this  
Colony, which rightly claims  
to be the shop-window and  
distributing centre for the  
whole of the Far East."

The report added that a  
sub-committee was examin-  
ing the question, and a pos-  
sible site had been tentatively  
chosen, although nothing  
definite had been decided.  
While applauding the idea  
of this commercial undertak-  
ing, we would strongly re-  
commend the Chamber—if it  
does take any action—to con-  
sider setting a section aside  
for cultural uses. To a pur-  
ist it may seem incongruous  
to mix Sung Ming and Ching  
masters with local industrial  
products, but the combina-  
tion would surely be in-  
finitely preferable to the  
present total absence of any ar-  
tistic content. There is more  
aspiration towards beauty in  
Hong Kong than many critics  
give it credit for, as in  
politics, it only needs an out-  
let.

When I made him this pro-  
posal, which was certainly not  
a personal advancement, he  
contented himself with saying  
in a simple and dignified man-  
ner that he would serve  
wherever he was thought to be  
most useful. In order to em-  
phasize still further the impor-  
tance of his functions, I ar-  
ranged that he should resume  
his function as a member of  
the War Cabinet whenever he  
came home on leave.

This arrangement worked with-  
out the slightest inconvenience  
owing to the qualities and ex-  
perience of the personalities in-  
volved, and for six years there-  
after, both under the National  
Coalition and the Labour-  
Socialist Government, Halifax  
discharged the work of Am-  
bassador to the United States  
with conspicuous and ever-growing  
influence and success.

President Roosevelt, Mr. Hull  
and other high personalities in  
Washington were extremely pleas-  
ed with the selection of Lord  
Halifax. Indeed, it was at once  
apparent to me that the President  
greatly preferred it to my first  
proposal. The appointment of the  
new Ambassador was received with  
marked approval both in America  
and at home, and was judged in  
every way adequate and appro-  
priate to the scale of events.

## Had Resigned

I had no doubt who should fill  
the vacancy at the Foreign Office.  
On all the great issues of the past  
years I had, as these pages  
have shown, dwelt in close agree-  
ment with Anthony Eden. I have  
described my anxieties and em-  
otions when he parted company  
with Mr. Chamberlain in the  
spring of 1938. Together we had  
abstained from the vote on Munich.  
Together we had resisted the party  
pressure brought to bear upon us  
in our constituencies during the  
winter of that melancholy year.  
We had been united in thought  
and sentiment at the outbreak of  
the war and so colleagues during  
its progress.

The greater part of Eden's  
public life had been devoted to the  
study of foreign affairs. He had  
held the splendid office of Foreign  
Secretary with distinction, and  
had resigned it when only 42 years  
of age for reasons which are in  
retrospect, and at this time view-  
ed in the State, of a great and fine  
part as Secretary of State for War  
during this terrible year and his  
conduct of Army affairs had  
brought us very close together.  
We thought alike, even without  
consultation on a very great num-  
ber of crucial issues as they  
arose from day to day. I looked  
forward to an agreeable and harm-  
onious comradeship between the  
Prime Minister and the Foreign  
Secretary, and this hope was cer-  
tainly fulfilled during the four and  
a half years of war and policy  
which lay before us. Eden was  
sorry to leave the Foreign Office, in  
all the distress and excitement of  
which he was absorbed, but he  
returned to the Foreign Office like  
a man going home.

## Sharp Passages

I filled Mr. Eden's place as  
Secretary of State for War by sub-  
stituting the King the name of  
Captain Margesson, at that time  
the Chief Whip of the National  
Government. This choice excited  
some adverse comment. David  
Margesson had been for nearly 10  
years at the head of the Govern-  
ment Whip's Office in the House  
of Commons, and it had fallen to  
him to march and to stimulate  
the patient and not a few Con-  
servative majority which had so long  
sustained the Baldwin and Cham-  
berlain administrations. I had, as a  
leading figure among the Conser-  
vative dissentients from the India  
Bill, had many sharp passages  
with him.

In the course of these 10 years  
of my exclusion from office my  
contacts with him had been not  
infrequent, and generally hostile.  
I had formed the opinion that he  
was a man of high ability, serving  
his chief, whoever he was, with  
unflinching loyalty, and treating  
his opponents with a certain good  
faith. This opinion was also held  
by the Whips of the Labour and  
Liberal parties, and such a reputa-  
tion is of course essential to the  
discharge of this particular  
office.

When I became Prime Minister  
it was generally expected that I  
should find someone else for the  
task, but I was quite sure that I  
should receive from Margesson  
the same skillful and faithful ser-  
vice that he had given to my pre-  
decessors; and in this I had been  
in no way disappointed. He be-  
lieved in the first world war and  
throughout much of the worst of it  
as a regimental officer, gaining  
a strong soldierly background as  
well as a complete knowledge of  
the House of Commons. In Mar-  
gesson's place I appointed Captain  
James Stuart, with whom also I  
had had many differences, but for  
whose character I had high respect.

## Higher Price

The interval between November  
1940 and the outbreak of Lend-  
Lease in March 1941 was marked  
by an extraordinary rise in the  
price of raw materials and man-  
ufactured goods.

can Government bought from us  
some of the war plants which they  
had built to order in the  
United States. They assigned them  
to the American defence pro-  
gramme, but made us go on using  
them to the full. The War De-  
partment placed orders for munitions  
that it did not need immedi-  
ately, so that when finished they  
could be released to us.

On the other hand, certain  
things were done which seemed  
harsh and painful to us. The  
President sent a battleship to  
Capetown to carry away all the  
gold we had gathered there. The  
great British business of Coun-  
cil in America was sold by us  
at the request of the United States  
Government at a comparatively  
low figure, and then resold  
through the markets at a much  
higher price from which we did  
not benefit. I had a feeling that  
these steps were taken to en-  
hance the hand of our position,  
and raise feeling against

faithfully with Hitler, while at  
the same time gathering all the  
strength he could in the enormous  
mass of Soviet Russia. He and  
Molotov sent their dutiful con-  
gratulations on every German  
victory. They poured a heavy flow  
of food and essential raw materials  
into the Reich. Their Fifth Column  
Communists did what they could to  
disturb our factories. Their radio  
diffused its abuse and slanders  
against us.

## To Gain Time

They were at any time ready to  
reach a permanent settlement with  
Nazi Germany upon the most im-  
portant questions open between  
them, and to accept with complac-  
ence the final destruction of the  
British power. But all the while  
they recognised that this policy  
might fail. They were resolved to  
gain time by every means, and  
had no intention, as far as they  
could measure the problem, of



the opponents of Lend-Lease.  
Anyhow, in one way or another  
we came through.

On the failure of the air Battle  
of Britain and the consequent  
postponement of German plans  
for a cross-Channel invasion,  
Hitler decided to settle accounts  
with Russia.

There is no doubt that Hitler  
had made up his mind by the  
end of September 1940. From that  
time forth the air attacks on  
Britain, though often on a large  
scale through the general mul-  
tiplication of aircraft, took second  
place in the Fuehrer's thoughts  
and German plans. They might be  
maintained as effective cover for  
other designs, but Hitler no longer  
counted on them for final victory.  
Eastward He!

## Terrific Defeat

Personally, on purely military  
grounds, I could have been  
averse from a German attempt at  
the invasion of Britain in the  
spring or summer of 1941. I be-  
lieved that the enemy would suffer  
the most terrific defeat and  
slaughter that any country had  
ever sustained in a specific mili-  
tary enterprise. But for the very  
reason I was not so simple as to  
expect it to happen. In war what  
you don't mind is not usually what  
the enemy does. Still, in the con-  
duct of a long struggle, when  
the enemy comes for a year or two  
on our side, and might allies might  
be gained, I think that the  
supreme ordeal was to be apart  
our dear people.

As will be seen from my papers  
written at the time, I never ser-  
iously contemplated a German  
descent upon England in 1941. By  
the end of 1941 the boat was no  
longer alone; three-quarters of the world  
were with us. But tremendous  
events, measureless before they  
happened, were to mark that  
memorable year.

While to uninformed continental  
and the biter world our fate  
seemed forlorn, or at best in the  
balance, the relations between Nazi  
Germany and Soviet Russia as-  
sumed the first position in world  
affairs. The fundamental antago-  
nisms between the two despotic  
powers remained the same, but  
it was certain that Britain could  
not be stopped and overpowered  
like France and the Low Countries.  
To do him justice, Stalin tried  
his very best to work loyally and

basing Russian interests or ambi-  
tions solely upon a German victory.  
The two great totalitarian empires,  
usually devoid of moral restraints,  
confronted each other, polite but  
inexorable.

There had, of course, been dis-  
agreements about Finland and  
Rumania. The Soviet leaders had  
been shocked at the fall of France,  
but the end of the Second Front  
for which they were so soon to  
squall. They had not expected so  
sudden a collapse, and had counted  
confidently on a phase of mutual  
exhaustion on the Western Front.  
Now there was no Western Front!

Still, it would be foolish to make  
no serious change in their col-  
laboration with Germany. They  
could see whether Britain  
would give in or be crushed in  
1940. As it gradually became ap-  
parent to the Kremlin that Britain  
was capable of maintaining a pro-  
longed and effective fight, during  
which anything might happen,  
about the United States and also  
in Japan, Stalin became more con-  
scious of his danger and more ear-  
nest to gain time.

Nevertheless it is remarkable,  
as we shall see, what advantages  
he sacrificed for the sake of  
time. He kept on friendly terms with  
Nazi Germany. Even there sur-  
prising were the miscalculations  
and the ignorance which he dis-  
played about what was coming to  
pass. He was indeed, from Sep-  
tember 1940, to the moment of  
Hitler's assault in June 1941, at  
once a callous, a crafty and an ill-  
informed giant.

## The Heart

With these preliminaries we  
may come to the episode of Mo-  
lotov's visit to Berlin on November  
12, 1940. Every compliment was  
paid and all ceremony shown to  
the Bolshevik envoy when he  
reached the heart of Nazi Ger-  
many. During the next two days  
long and tense discussions took  
place between Molotov and Rib-  
bentrop, and also with Hitler. All  
the essential facts of these for-  
midable interchanges and confronta-  
tions have been laid bare in the  
selection of captured documents  
published early in 1943 by the  
State Department in Washington  
under the title, "Nazi-Soviet Re-  
lations, 1939-1941."

Mr. Churchill quotes, at  
length from these documents and  
gives the official German record  
of the final session between  
Molotov and Ribbentrop, which

took place in an air-raid shelter,  
owing to a British raid.

When in August, 1942, I first  
visited Moscow, I received from  
Stalin's lips a shorter account of  
this conversation which in its  
essential details, from the German  
record, but may be thought more  
fully.

"A little while ago," said Stalin,  
"the great complaint against  
Molotov was that he was too pro-  
German. Now everyone says he  
is too pro-British. But neither of  
us ever trusted the German. For  
us it was always life and death."  
I interjected that we had been  
through this ourselves, and so  
knew how they felt.

"When Molotov," said the Mar-  
shal, "went to see Ribbentrop in  
Berlin in November of 1940, you  
got wind of it and sent an air-  
raid." I nodded.

"When the alarm sounded Rib-  
bentrop led the way down many  
flights of stairs to a deep shelter  
immediately furnished. When he  
got inside the Vaid had begun. He  
shut the door and said to Molotov:  
Now here we are alone together.  
Why should we not divide? Mo-  
lotov said: 'What will England say?'  
'England,' said Ribbentrop, 'is  
finished. She is no more use as a  
power.' 'If that is so,' said Mo-  
lotov, 'why are we in this shelter,  
and where are these bombs which  
fall?'"

## Vital Need

The Berlin conversations made  
no difference to Hitler's deep  
conviction. During October, Koell-  
f, Joff, and the German General  
Staff had under his orders been  
forming and shaping the plans  
for the Eastward movement of  
the German armies and for the  
invasion of Russia in the early  
summer of 1941. No delay either  
in planning or in movement could  
be tolerated. Over all hung the  
vital need for concealment and  
deception.

For this purpose two separate  
forms of cover were used by Hitler,  
each of which had advantages of  
its own. The first was an elaborate  
negotiation about a common policy  
based on the partition and dis-  
tribution of the British Empire in  
the East. The second was the  
domination of Rumania, Bulgaria  
and Greece, with Hungary on the  
way, by a steady influx of troops.  
This effort, important military  
gains, and at the same time made  
of or presented an explanation for  
the building up of the German  
armies on the Southern flank of  
the front to be developed against  
Russia.

The negotiations took the form  
of draft proposals by Germany for  
the abolition of Soviet Russia to  
the Three-Power Pact at the ex-  
pense of British interests in the  
Orient. If Stalin had accepted  
this scheme, events might for a  
time have taken a different course.  
It was possible at any moment  
for Hitler to suspend his plans  
for invading Russia.

We cannot attempt to describe  
what might have happened as the  
result of an armed alliance be-  
tween the two great empires of  
the Continent with their millions of  
soldiers to share the spoil in the  
Balkans, Turkey, Persia and the  
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According to yesterday's re-  
ports, a red carpet was put down  
for Lord Baldwin when he had a  
vociferous welcome on returning  
to the Leeward Islands.  
From what we hear, in London  
he was also put on the carpet.

The Control Yuan in Nanking  
want to know how US\$2,000,000-  
000 worth of gold and foreign  
exchange could possibly have dis-  
appeared within a year. They  
can't have been out here long.

In England they are going to  
have a pedestrian crossing week  
in April. In Hong Kong some of  
us are hoping to get across, before  
that.

A rather news item from Home  
yesterday was that, to combat  
criticism of Public Relations  
Officers, they are contemplating  
appointing a PRO of their own.

"Air-minded," Southsayer," So  
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conference interpreted as wartime  
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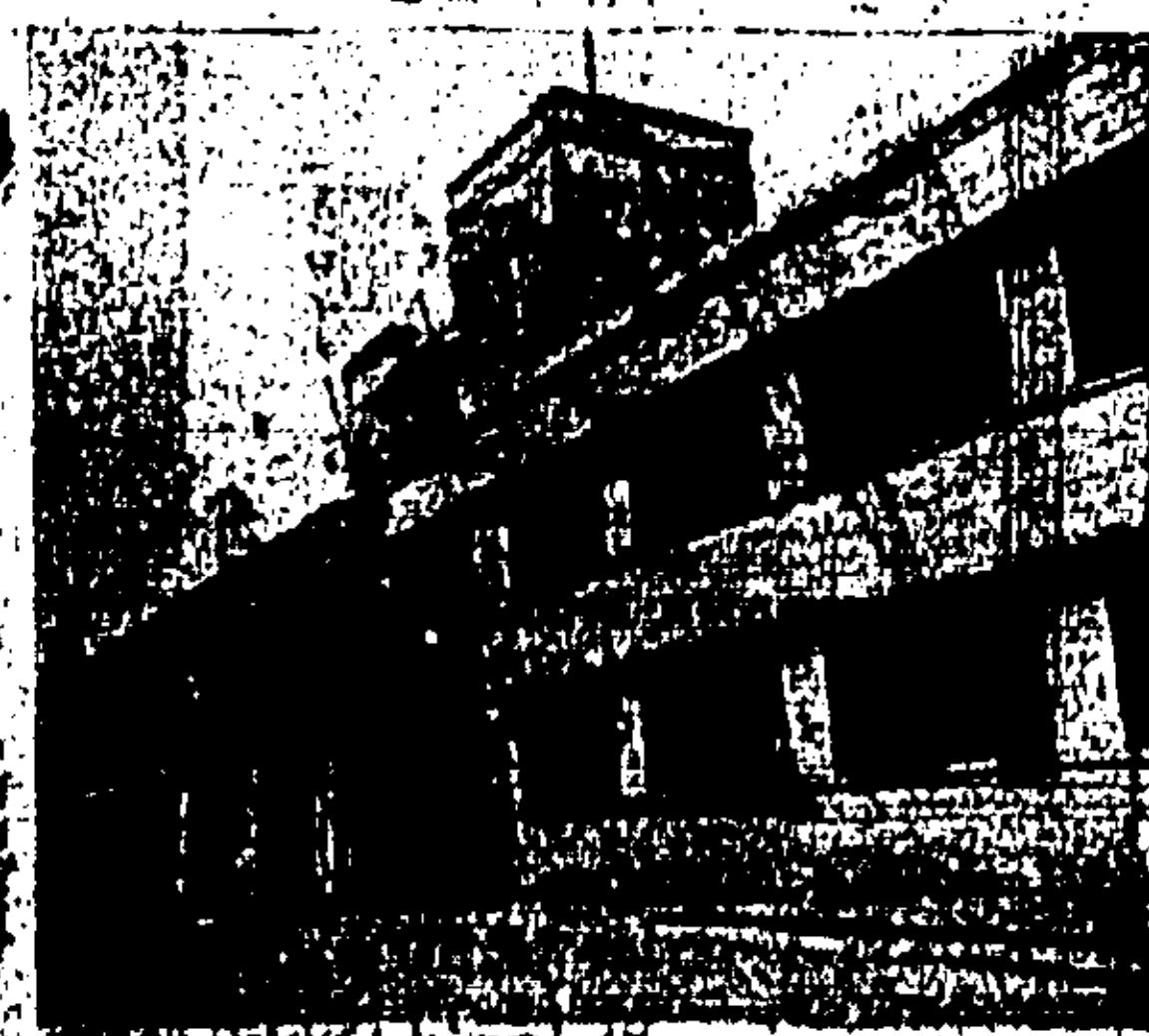
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# CHINESE COMMUNISTS' LINK WITH VIETMINH "A SERIOUS THREAT"

## Pact To Be Signed On April 4

Washington, March 24. Official guests and the press will be able to witness the signing of the North Atlantic Pact here on April 4, it was announced today.

A State Department spokesman said that admission to the ceremony will be by invitation only. He said that no hall in Washington could be found large enough to accommodate all members of the public who might wish to attend the ceremony.

Tentative plans are for the ceremony to be held in what is known as the Departmental Auditorium. This has seating for only 1,300 people. It is believed that this accommodation will be taxed to the limit by the Foreign Ministers and their official guests, by representatives of the United States Government and by the press.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, left London tonight on the first stage of his voyage to the United States for the signing.

Also sailing in the Queen Mary from Southampton tomorrow along with Mr. Bevin, will be M. Paul Henri Späcker, Belgian Premier, Dr. Dirk U. Stikker, Dutch Foreign Minister, M. Joseph Deek, Luxembourg Foreign Minister, and Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State and leader of the British delegation to the United Nations Assembly.

M. Robert Schuman, French Foreign Minister, and Count Carlo Sforza, the Italian Foreign Minister, are expected to fly to Washington for the signing.

Informal sources in Lisbon said today that the Portuguese Cabinet has decided in principle to join the North Atlantic Pact.

The Cabinet is continuing talks in an effort to overcome conflicts between the terms of the pact and Portugal's defence agreement with Spain.

In Copenhagen, the Danish Lower Chamber today approved a resolution authorising the Government to sign the Atlantic Pact and gave the treaty automatic ratification as soon as it is ratified by the original Atlantic Pact nations.—Reuter and United Press.

## PACIFIC PACT "PREMATURE"

Manila, March 25. Formation of a Pacific alliance at this time would be premature, according to Vincent Sheean, foreign correspondent and author.

Arriving here by plane from Indonesia on route to Tokyo, Mr. Sheean told reporters: "Countries in this part of the world are in various stages of development. Two years from now such an alliance probably would be practical."

The writer said an atmosphere of nervousness and anxiety prevails in Batavia. The Dutch dilemma in Indonesia is not a question of prestige or face because the Dutch have lost both, he said.

Mr. Sheean discounted the Communist menace in India. The Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, seems to have gone toward the right and the Reds are not trying very hard, he concluded.—Associated Press.

London, March 24.

British intelligence reports said today that the Chinese Communists are supporting Vietminh forces in Northern Indochina.

They have taken the initiative almost everywhere from the French colonial forces, the reports said.

A series of operations has been carried out which seem to be preparations for more important actions, it is added.

Hanoi, principal city in Tonkin and the seat of the French administration, has been reported threatened with an uprising and railway and river communications to Haiphong are said to be subjected to daily attacks.

The reports described the Vietminh and Chinese forces as being composed of mobile and well-equipped commandos whose audacity is extraordinary.

The commandos are said to be concentrating their attacks on railway supply lines between Hanoi and Haiphong and to have destroyed several.

Supplies to other important towns such as Pnom Penh are also reported to be precarious.

A report said it is safe to say that the Vietminh forces no longer fear the French Army of occupation and constitute a serious threat more or less.

It added: "The Nationalist movement in Vietnam is far more to the left than similar movements elsewhere in South East Asia."

In Saigon, the French Far Eastern Headquarters today said that the Chinese Communists are fighting with the Vietminh guerrillas.

An official communique said that rebel activity is increasing along the Tonkin frontier. Tonkin is the Northernmost Indochinese province bordering on China.

"Since March 15, there has been increased rebel activity, particularly along the Tonkin frontier."

"Attacks against our posts are growing more numerous in the region North of Langson and East of Laokay."

## Danger In Palestine

London, March 24.

A Foreign Office spokesman said tonight that Britain's Palestine policy is governed partly by the danger that the Israeli Government might use its armed forces to bring Transjordan under duress and to acquire further substantial areas recognised as mainly inhabited by Arabs.

In reply to an Israeli suggestion that the presence of British troops at Akuba is delaying an Israeli-Transjordan armistice, the spokesman insisted that it is in the interest of the British Government for peace to be restored in the Middle East as soon as possible.

He said flagrant violations of the Security Council truce resolution had already been used by the Israeli Government to bring about the present truces with Egypt and the Lebanon.

The spokesman added that any further acquisition of territory by Israel would be an even greater departure from the United Nations Assembly partition resolution of November, 1947, than already existed.—Reuter.

## MYSTERY OF THE SOVIET RESHUFFLE

Washington, March 24. The shift in leadership in the Soviet ground forces added to the mystery in official quarters over the recent shift in the Soviet hierarchy. The authorities are still puzzling and wondering whether the shake-ups mean promotions for the leaders or involve some elements of a "purge."

The major sentiment here is that the Russians are freeing senior Politburo members to devote more time to internal Soviet problems, with a corresponding emphasis on foreign affairs. Russia may be deciding against further expansion and concentrate on consolidating post-war gains behind the iron curtain.—United Press.

## More Meat Cuts For Britain?

London, March 24.

Britain may soon have a further cut in the meat ration, London meat traders believe, unless the supplies of corned beef improve.

The recent reduction of the weekly ration to 8d. worth of fresh meat and 2d. worth of corned beef per person, through shortages of shipments from the Argentine, comes into effect next Sunday.

Members of the National Executive of the Federation of Meat Trade Associations held an emergency meeting today to discuss the dwindling ration and its impact on the retail meat trade in Britain.

Corned beef stocks are reported to be precariously low and some experts feel it may be very difficult to maintain the current level of supplies for much longer than a month unless fresh supplies become available.

The Ministry of Food declined to comment on the prospects of a new cut.—Reuter.

## Strict Silence On Empire Talks

London, March 24.

All official sources here continue to maintain the closest silence on the date and details of the impending conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London.

In official circles, however, it is expected that the silence will be broken by a simultaneous announcement in all Dominion capitals early next week.

The opening date is believed to be on or near April 23. The exchanges taking place between the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth countries are apparently concerned with the details and timing of the announcement.

The scope of the conference has been the subject of wide speculation, none of which has any official confirmation, both here and in Commonwealth countries.

Subjects which have been suggested as ranking foremost for consideration include security in the light of the Communist upsurge in South East Asia, the Southern Pacific and other regional defence questions, and Indian views on co-operation with the Commonwealth after she becomes a republic.

## ANOTHER SHUFFLE BY THE KREMLIN: BULGANIN GOES

London, March 25.

The Moscow Radio announced last night that Marshal Nikolai A. Bulganin has been relieved as Minister of the Armed Forces. Marshal Alexander M. Vasilevsky has succeeded him, the broadcast said.

Marshal Bulganin is also a Vice-Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Soviet Union, and presumably will retain that job. As such he is a Deputy Prime Minister.

Marshal Vasilevsky has been Marshal Bulganin's Chief Deputy Minister of the Armed Forces of the Soviet Union.

Marshal Vasilevsky was relieved of his duties as Chief of the General Staff of the Russian Army last November but was retained as Deputy Minister of the Armed Forces.

Throughout the war, Prime Minister Josef Stalin was Minister of the Armed Forces. He gave up that job in March, 1947, and Marshal Bulganin was appointed to take his place. Marshal Vasilevsky has been Deputy Minister of the Armed Forces since the same year. He is 49.

## Order To Army

Marshal Bulganin's last declaration to bring his worldwide notice was his order marking the 31st anniversary of the Red Army last month.

He said Soviet fighting men must maintain a constant state of "battle preparedness at a high level because of the 'policy of aggression' pursued by the U.S."

"The ruling circles of the U.S., which seek to establish their world domination by force, pursue a policy of aggression and of unleashing a new war," said the order.

The new shift followed Major changes in the Soviet political hierarchy in the last few weeks. The most important was the release of V.M. Molotov as Foreign Minister to be succeeded by Andrei V. Vishinsky. Mr. Molotov remained as First Deputy Prime Minister, right at Stalin's side.

Western observers in Moscow view these changes as measures to strengthen the highest ranks of Soviet policy makers.—Associated Press.

## Siam's New Constitution

Bangkok, March 24.

Siam's State Council, acting in the name of the King, today announced the ratification of a new Constitution.

Promulgation is expected on April 6. The Constitution provides that 90 days thereafter the Government shall resign, followed by the dissolution of Parliament and general elections.

The Constitution, subject of considerable controversy, provides for increased monarchical powers and increased membership in Parliament.—Reuter.

## U.S. Navy Leaving The PI

San Francisco, March 25.

The Philippines will soon be stripped of United States naval air and sea power. Rear Admiral Ralph W. Christie said today.

The Admiral, former Commander of American Naval forces in the Philippines, said:

"Conditions in the Far East are certainly explosive, but we cannot afford to maintain strong forces everywhere, due to reduced budgets and the shift of naval power to the Atlantic."

"After March 31, we will have no naval aircraft in the Philippines."

He said the Sangley Point naval air station, near Manila, is being converted into a general navy base. But no American warships will be stationed in Philippines waters. The only remaining naval base, besides Sangley Point, will be a repair station at Subic Bay, 40 miles from Manila.

The Admiral said Filipino view this situation with some alarm since they feel that Russia is a very real threat to them.

President Quirino is on record as favouring a Pacific Pact, similar to the Atlantic Treaty. "The Philippines are an oasis of stable government in the heart of the Far East," the Admiral said.—Associated Press.

## U.S. NAVY MOVE

Washington, March 24.

A Navy spokesman today said that a very limited number of specially-qualified naval reserve officers being given mobilisation day assignments which are in no way to be interpreted as recall to active duty at this time nor in anticipation of early mobilisation. The assignments are merely one step in the Navy's peacetime policy of preparedness, he said.—United Press.

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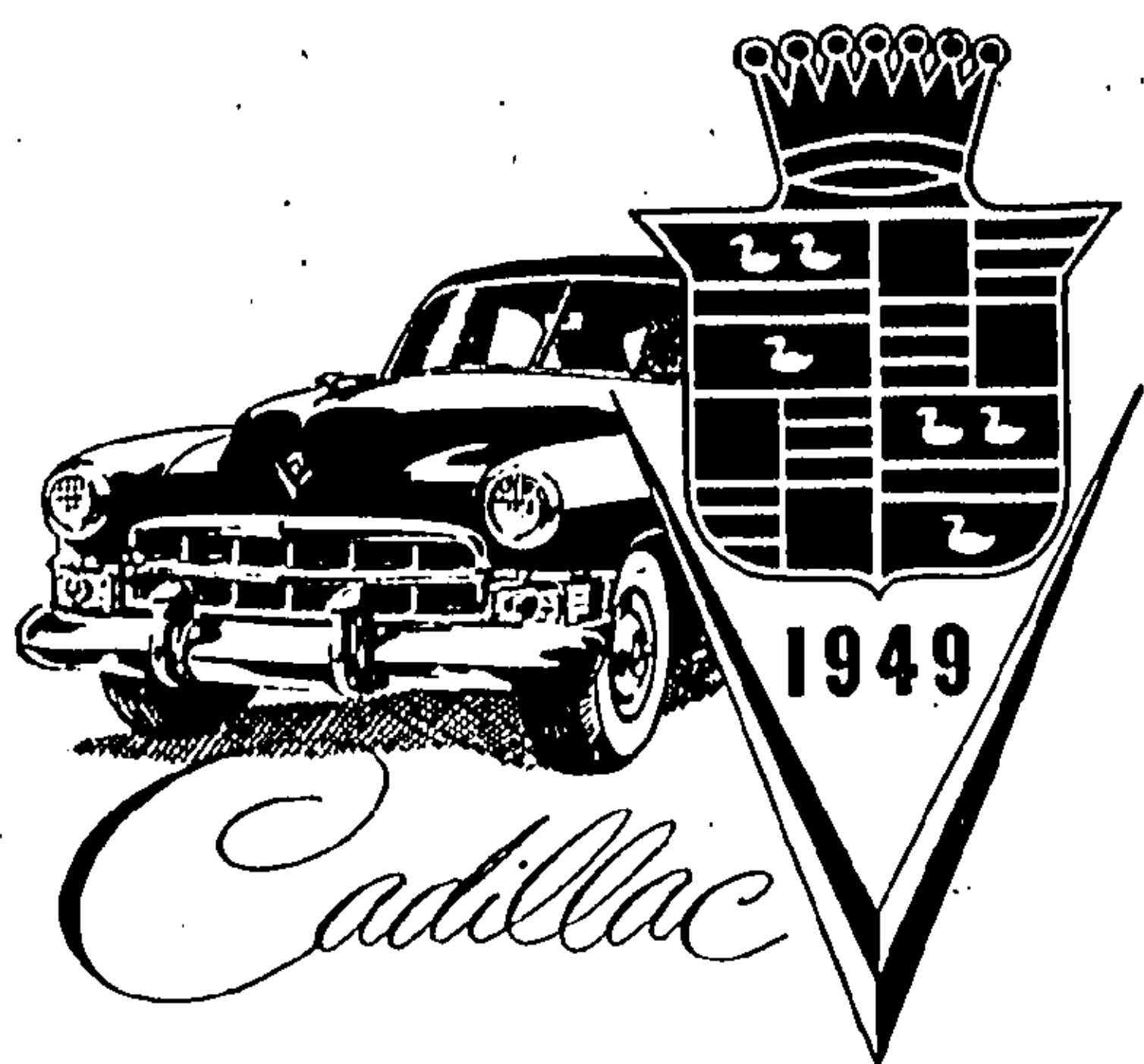
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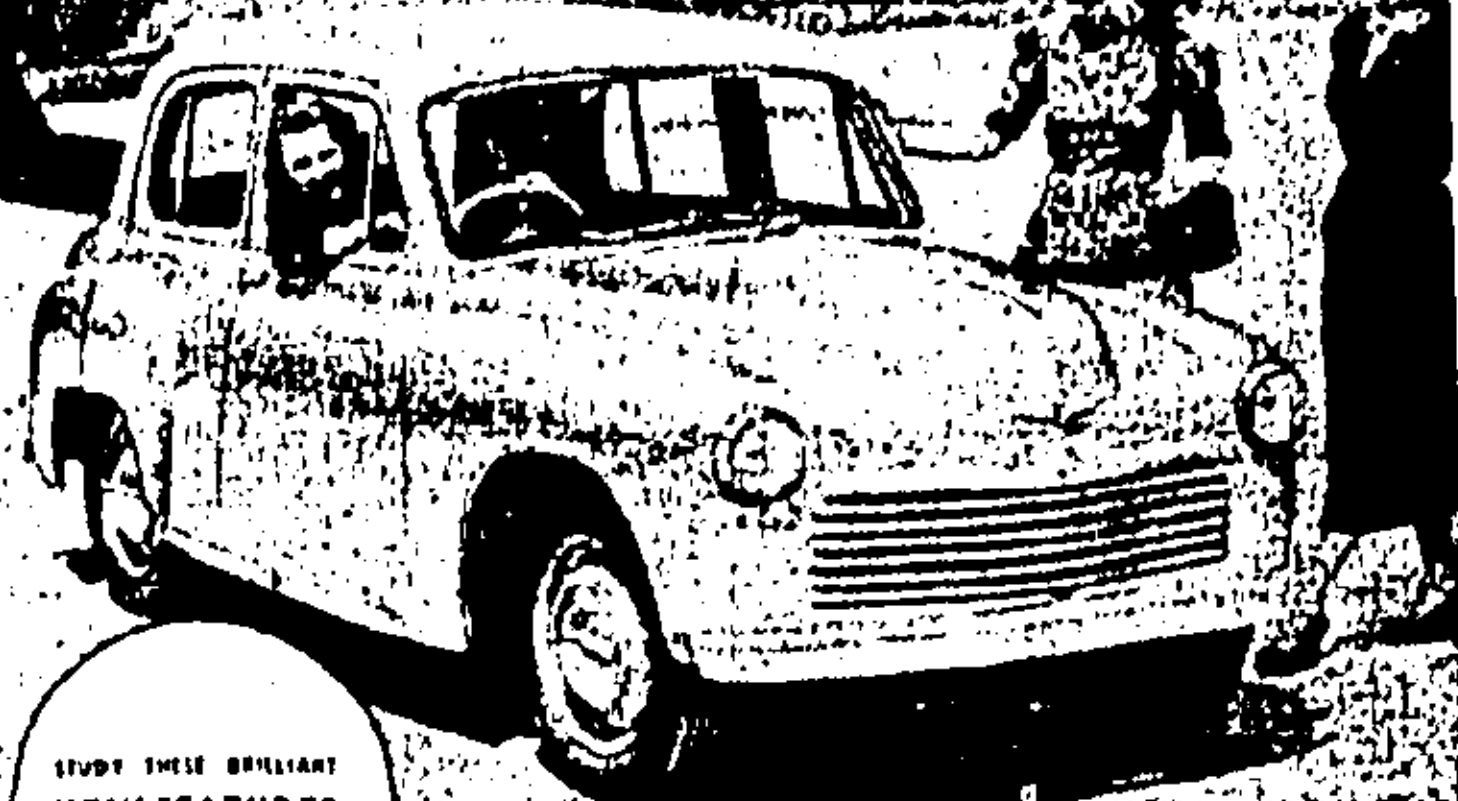
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## British Cars Do Well At Monte Carlo

British cars did remarkably well at the 10th Monte Carlo Rally in a 2,000-mile race minimum average of 31 m.p.h., which had to be covered at a including all stops.

Remarkably fine weather prevailed, apart from thick fog in the Rhone Valley and across northern Germany and Italy. In spite of the absence of the traditional snow and ice, most of the 265 starters found the average quite high enough for three nights and three days of practically non-stop motoring, and the final 200 miles from Lyons over the mountains to Digne and the coast became more like a motor race than a touring competition.

A 2-litre Bristol saloon, driven by the Czech sportsmen Dobry and Trebil (who won the 1938 Polish Rally with the same car) was third, missing winning the rally outright by just over seven marks decided by the timings of the final regularity test.

The event was won, once again, by those veterans, Jean Trevoux and Marcel Lesueur on a 3½-litre Hotchkiss starting from Lisbon. These two tied for first place when the Rally was last held, in 1938, and Trevoux won in 1934, both times on a Hotchkiss.

Leonard Potter, well-known trialsman, finished fourth with an Allard, Kenneth Wharton, British trials champion, was fifth, on a very standard Ford V8 Pilot, A.A.C. Goddard (Allard) was eighth, all starting from Glasgow.

One of the best and most plucky performances was put up by A.G. Imhof and K. Hutcheson in an Allard from Florence, who got through after a hideous 150 miles of fog on icy roads, and were placed 11th.

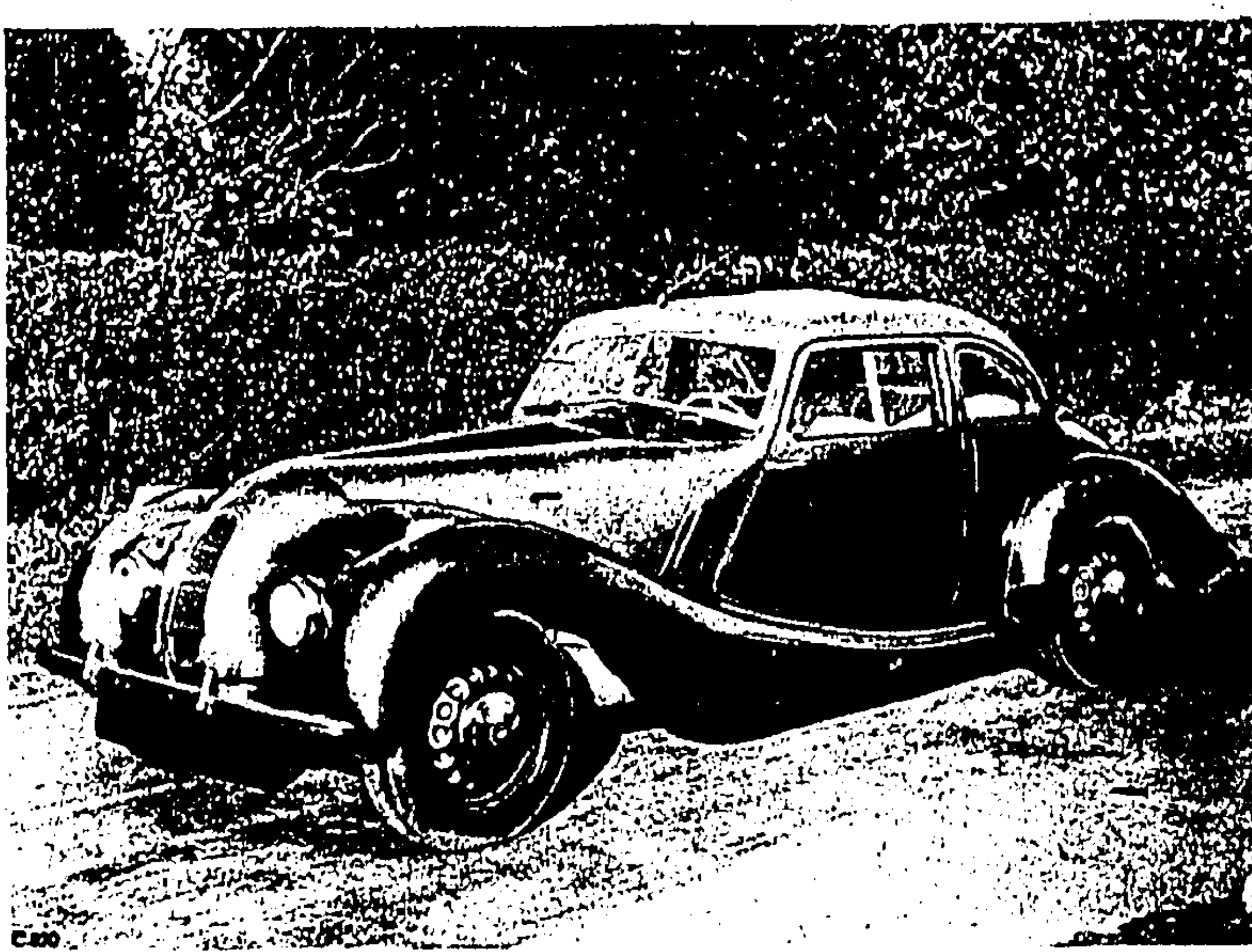
Perhaps the most meritorious drive was that by Mrs. Wisdom, with Miss Marshall and Miss Haig in a new 918 c.c. Morris, who came right through, starting from Monte-Carlo, with a clean sheet and fast marks by being too early in the finish.

Louis Rosier, racing driver, drove an even smaller car, one of the rear-engined 750 c.c. Renaults (with twin carburetors) and finished up in 13th place, a remarkable effort.

British cars swept the 1,500 c.c. class clean, headed by Galsonges with his well-tuned Hillman Minx and followed by R. Smith and T. C. Wise, with Jowett Javelins. Mrs. Wisdom was second for the Ladies' Cup.

W.M. Coper's beautiful grey Bentley Mk. VI won the special Grand Prix d'Honneur in the Concours de Confort, and did well to finish 25th in the Rally.

Of 220 entries, 205 started—47 from Glasgow (three retired), 70 from Monte Carlo (17 retired), 20 from Stockholm (12 retired), 20 from Lisbon (two retired), two from Prague (both retired), four from Oslo (one retired) and four from Florence (two retired). One hundred and sixty-six finished officially.



## European Cars Making New Bid In Brazil

Motorists in Rio de Janeiro, joke that Brazilian streets are again looking like they did before the First World War when European automobiles were used almost exclusively and American cars were practically unknown.

And there is a good deal of truth in the joke with the increasing appearance today British, French, Swedish, Italian and even Czech cars.

Before the First World War the Benz, Berliet, Renault and a few other European makes were predominant. After the war, the American automobiles came into first place.

But during the Second World War imports practically ceased, although a small quota of American cars still came through. Meantime the cars on hand were wearing out.

At the end of the recent war, there was a big demand in Brazil for new automobiles. There was a shortage of American cars even for the United States market. And when more American automobiles became available, Brazil found itself short of dollar exchange and had to control imports from the dollar zone.

This was Europe's golden opportunity. The O.N. World was in dire need of foreign currency and European cars offered a means.

Austin of England came first, closely followed by the French Citroen. The makes were old-fashioned to be sure, but who cared, as long as they were new. The prices at first were high. At one time a small four-cylinder Citroen cost more than a Ford V-8. On the other hand, these smaller cars were cheaper to operate. They used less petrol, an important factor because Brazil must import all its petroleum products.

### Production Up

After time production began to catch up with demand. European companies began to deliver cars on short order, whereas it was necessary to wait months for an American car and many times impossible to get it at all, due to import controls.

Also the British brought in new styles. The Standard, Austin and Hillman began sending streamlining models. As a result of all this, a big percentage of cars in the streets of any Brazilian city today is European. The British Austin, Standard and Dagenham Ford, the French Citroen and Renault, and the Italian Fiat are the commonest.

But other makes are to be found: up to a good number of Swedish Volvo and even from behind the Iron Curtain the Czech Skoda. Both Opel and BMWs are expected, from Germany shortly.

What do Brazilian motorists think of these cars? Talk to them and you'll learn that a vast majority prefer American cars.

That is even more evident in rural zones. Most of Brazil's highways are simple dirt roads, where a high-powered car is needed, with ample road clearance. Important too, is a standard gauge width in order to drive in the ruts of your predecessor.

On the other hand, roads are improving, and in cities European models are becoming more popular. Prices are now well under those of American cars. Dealers doubt that the European car will ever dominate Brazil but they believe it has some to stay and will get an increasing amount of business.

The "Bristol" 2-litre car, the Bristol airplane company's first venture in the field of car manufacture, is achieving great popularity. Models have been delivered to practically every country in the world and particularly the continent. Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands drives his own "Bristol" 2-litre which he bought after a brief trial in a standard model while on a visit to the Bristol factory. The car's finest success to date, however, was scored recently when Dobry, famous Czechoslovakian racing motorist, won the XIV Polish International Rally, driving a standard "Bristol" 2-litre. The Rally is among the most arduous staged in any country and is rated second only to the Monte Carlo fixture.

## UN Convention Wants Standardisation Of World's Traffic Rules

A foreign motorist in London, Athens or Belgrade will have no trouble in understanding the local traffic cop and roads signs if a new United Nations convention standardising world traffic regulations goes into effect.

The convention will be presented to a UN world conference on transport to be held in Geneva next August. It was recently approved, after a year's preparatory work, by a road transport committee of the UN Economic Commission for Europe.

The committee also drew up two conventions simplifying customs formalities for tourists and drivers of commercial vehicles. If these are adopted, truckers will be able to cross the entire continent without undergoing the tiresome examinations and paper work which now plague them.

The new convention would do away with non-essential papers now carried by motorists. It abolishes the international air dition to the licence of the motorist's own country. The convention substitutes an international permit which would be similar in all countries and valid everywhere.

The motoring convention standardises traffic rules and road signs for every country. A traffic officer in Stockholm would use the same stop signal as a policeman in Paris.

The signal for approach to a school would not only be the same in every country, but embodies a design arrived at after months of study and tests. Traffic experts found that a picture of children arouses more caution than a symbol of a schoolhouse or use of the mere word "School". The proposed universal sign shows a girl and a boy carrying books under their arms.

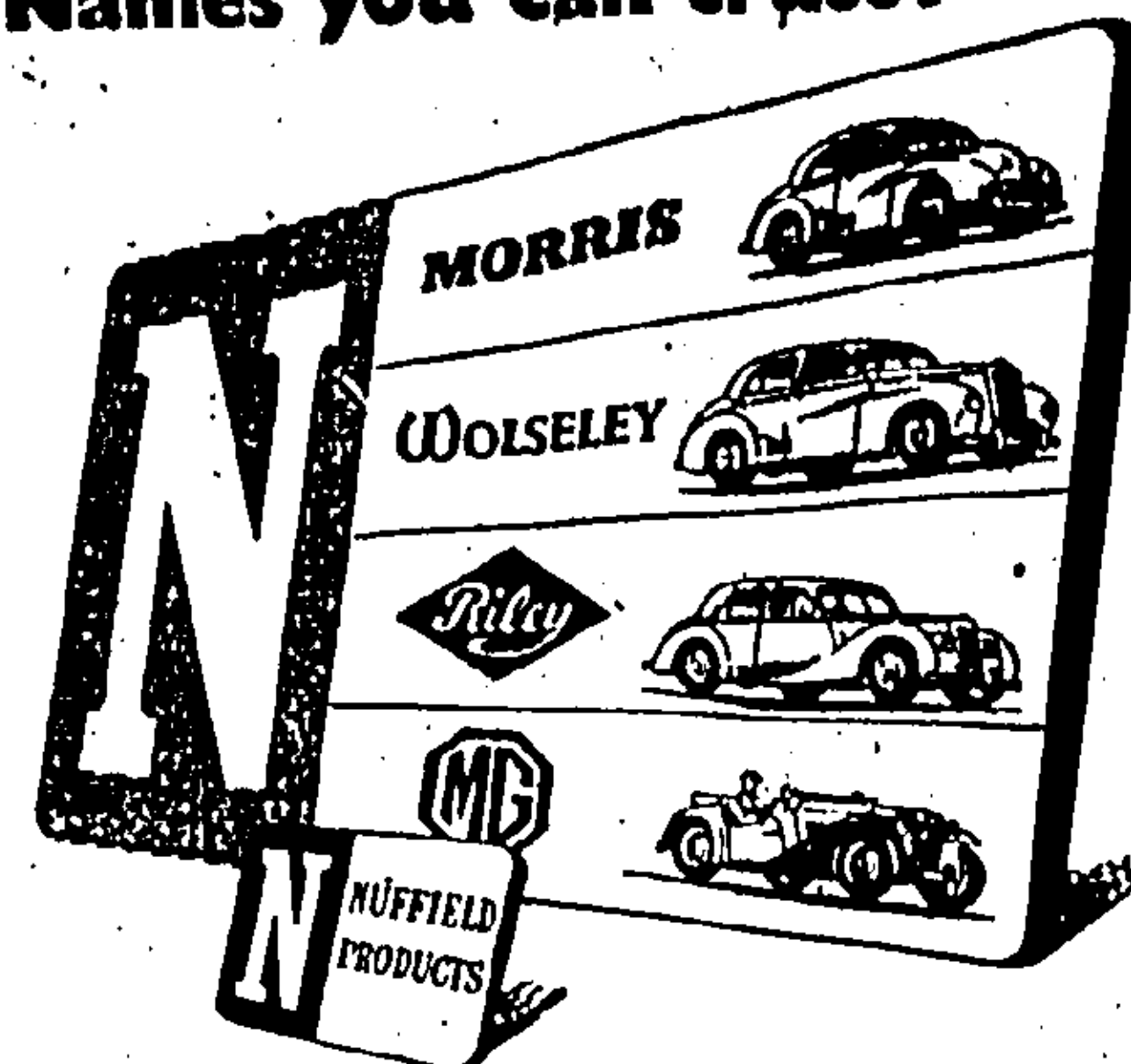
The convention makes the English word "Stop" universal, substituting it for the equivalent word in other languages. It has drawn a large fat cow for a sign warning "beware of animals." The picture of a man walking means "watch out for pedestrian." Altogether, the committee has adopted more than 50 road signs.

### Member Countries

Its members included delegates from the United States, Britain, France, Sweden, Italy, Norway, Austria, Belgium, Turkey, Denmark, Czechoslovakia, Luxembourg, Bizania, and observers from Poland and Yugoslavia. They wanted to make right hand driving compulsory in every country, but lost out in the face of British and Swedish opposition. Britain and her colonies, Sweden, Eire India and the Argentine are the only large areas in the world where left hand-driving is still in force. A British delegate told the committee that it would cost £10,000,000 to make the changeover in England, that when the question was last brought up in 1944 it caused widespread opposition.

The new convention sets no speed limit but provides that motorists shall drive in a reasonable and prudent manner.

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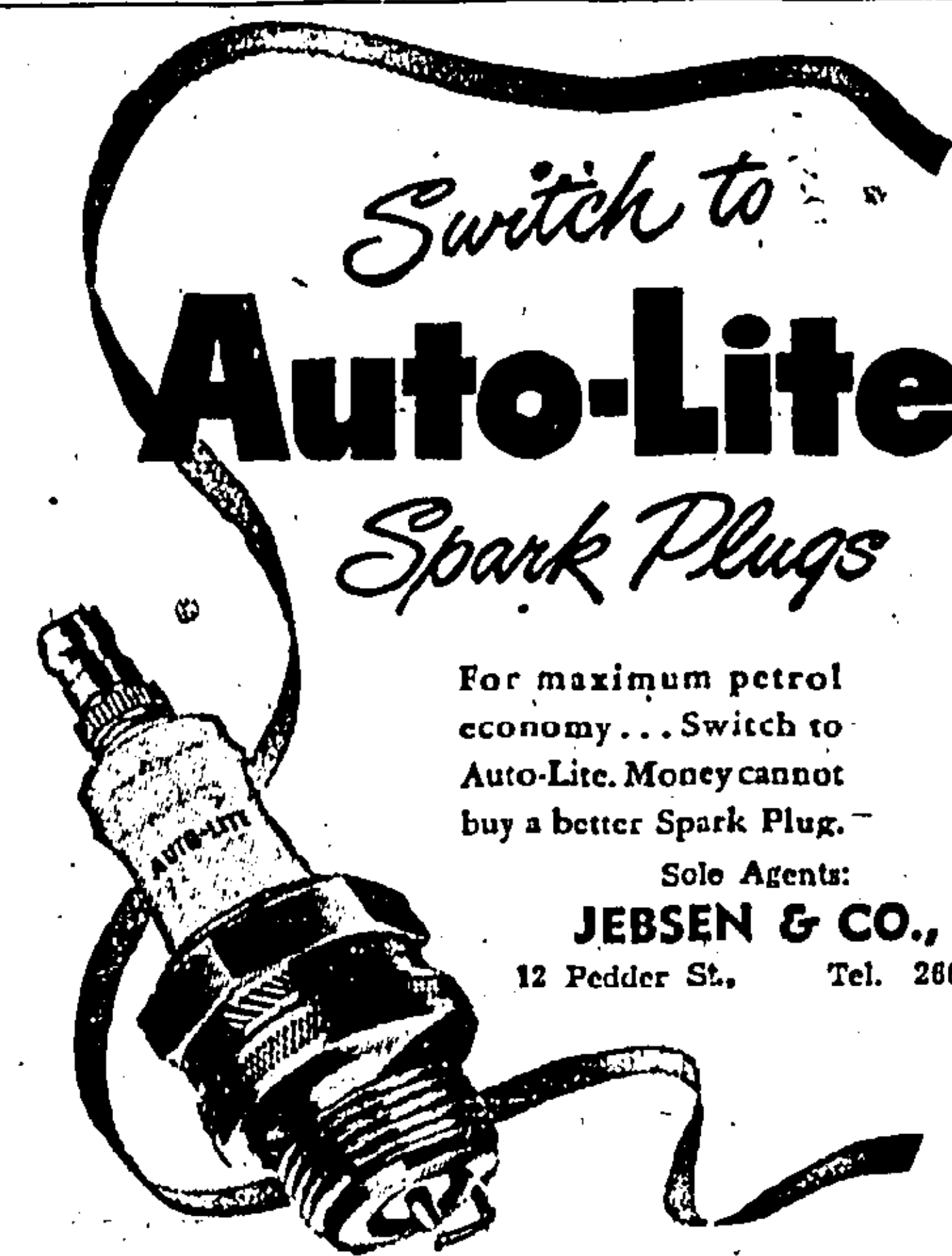


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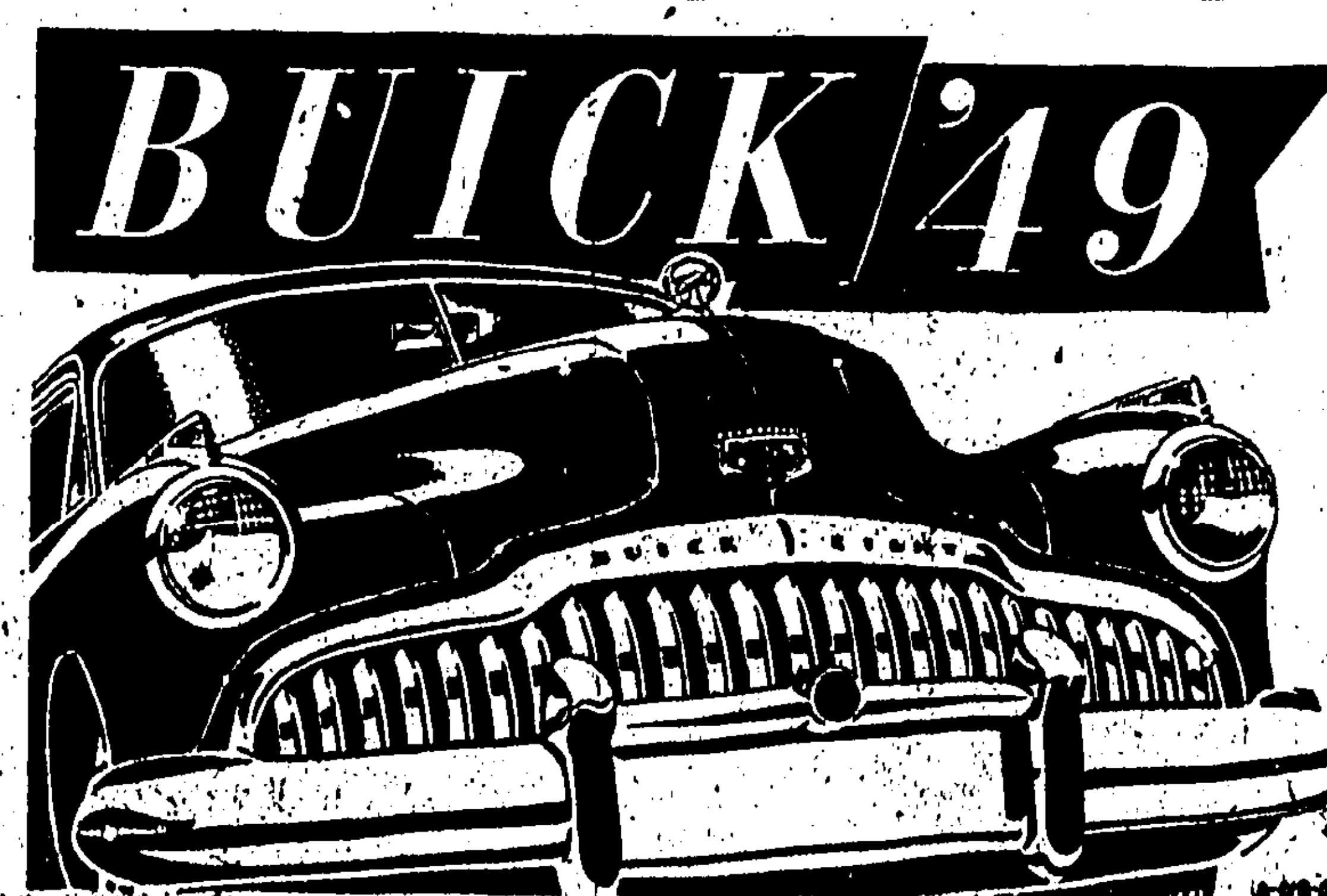
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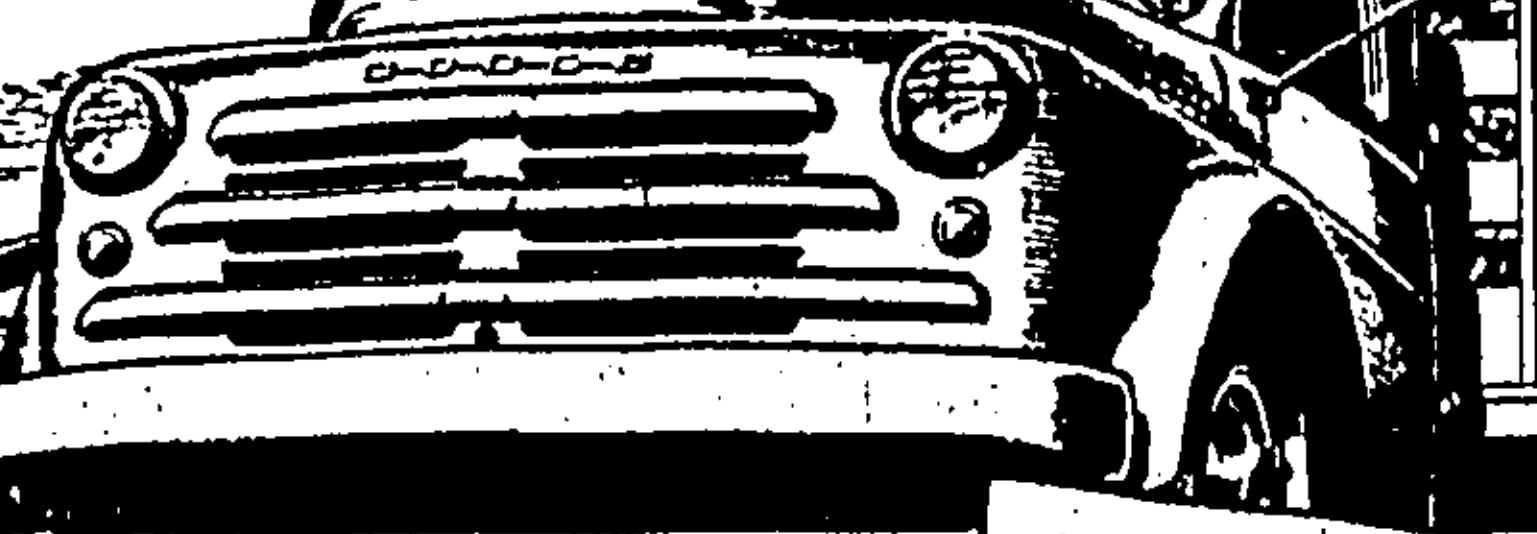
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# WASHINGTON DECIDES TO CEASE CHINA AID

## DOUBT ON WHEAT TREATY

London, March 24. Forty-two nations are expected to sign by the April 15 deadline the new wheat agreement guaranteeing the export and import of over 456 million bushels of wheat annually for the next four years.

The representatives of 20 countries have already signed the agreement, reached in Washington yesterday.

British grain traders doubt whether the International Wheat Agreement will be ratified or fully kept. They think the 456 million bushels mentioned will exceed the real requirements of the importing countries.

This quantity excludes all the requirements of Germany, Austria, Japan and the Philippines, which are United States responsibilities and preserves.

It also excludes all quantities of wheat which importers may buy from Argentina, a normally big exporter, and from Russia, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Hungary, North Africa, Chile and any other country which comes out as an exporter, beyond the five countries named in the agreement.

On the aggregate, the importing countries will thus have to take for more wheat than they took before the war—at a time when they are striving to increase their own crops and restrict imports to a minimum.

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Washington, March 25. Senator Pat McCarran, Nevada Democrat, said today: "The State Department has decided to let China go without any effort to prop up the failing Nationalist Government."

Senator McCarran said in an interview that that is the general policy the State Department set forth in a report to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The report was made recently in connection with a bill by Senator McCarran to give a \$1,500,000,000 credit to China.

Senator Tom Connally, Texas Democrat, sent the bill to the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, with a request for State Department comment. The Department's reply has been received by Mr. Connally but he has not made it public. The full Committee has not seen it.

The significance of the report is that it is said to outline this Government's policy toward China for the first time since the victory of the Red Army.

One Foreign Relations Committee member said the State Department at this time is non-plussed about the China situation—and does not favour any positive steps to back the Nationalist forces.

## Nothing To Say

President Truman told a press conference today that he sees no reason for making any statement on China policy and therefore there will be no China policy statement in the near future.

The President spoke in answer to a question as to the possibility of a China policy statement in the near future. His reply is in line with the State Department policy of making no statements for publication on the United States' China policy.

Meanwhile, Republican Representative Robert Hale, in a House speech today, condemned the United States' policy of silence on China. Copies of the speech from the Congressional record were circulated by mail in Washington.

Mr. Hale said: "It must be plain to the House that something is radically wrong when the Secretary of State feels obliged to confine to a closed session his discussion of our policy in China."

## "Certainty Of Disaster"

"If our policy to China were clear and intelligent, the questions propounded to the President in our letter might have been clearly and publicly answered."

"It is not so much that the State Department has failed," commented Mr. Hale, "it succeeded in making easy the advance of the Communists."

## NO MORE PACTS-- FOR THE PRESENT

Washington, March 24.

The United States does not intend to participate in the foreseeable future in further regional pacts, either for the Mediterranean or Far Eastern areas, to supplement the North Atlantic Treaty of mutual defence.

North Atlantic diplomats here today also declared categorically that no further regional pacts to back up the treaty are contemplated, under discussion or planned.

The consensus in North Atlantic diplomatic circles here appears to be that the terms and implications of the North Atlantic treaty make such regional pacts unnecessary.

These diplomats have in mind particularly Article 4 of the treaty, which extends the field of consultation between the North Atlantic powers potentially to the world.

This article is understood to cover threats to the security of any of the North Atlantic Pact powers through developments in any part of the world.

Thus, if developments in South East Asia, in Burma,

"I would rather chance two or three more billion, if that should prove necessary, in a genuine effort to save China from Communist control even now, than face the absolute certainty of disaster five or 10 years hence, when the Kremlin has atomic weapons and is ready to move."

"Even if the State Department is willing to see China disintegrate and waits till the dust settles, I hope Congress will not acquiesce in any such programme. Quite as much as the executive department, we are responsible for the honour and safety of the Republic."—Associated Press and United Press.

## Sequel To London Riot

London, March 24.

Seven men and a girl, aged 18, were fined sums ranging from £5 to £25 at North London today on charges arising out of last Sunday's march by followers of Sir Oswald Mosley, former British Fascist leader.

The girl, Miss Stiasny, described as a student, was fined £20 for assaulting a policeman. She told the court that she kicked a police officer because "I was in a fury to see the English law protecting people who had killed my parents and ruined my life."

The girl's lawyer said her parents had been in an internment camp and she assumed they had been murdered by the Nazis.—Reuter.

## MR. EDEN ON NW FRONTIER

Peshawar, March 24.

Mr. Anthony Eden, former Foreign Secretary, today visited the historic Khyber Pass on Pakistan's North-West Frontier.

Mr. Eden, who arrived here today, will leave for the West Punjab capital of Lahore tomorrow and will arrive in Karachi on Saturday next. He will fly to London from Karachi next Monday.—Reuter.

Blam or French Indochina lead Britain, France or the United States to the opinion that its security is threatened in that area, they could call a conference of the Atlantic Pact powers.

Such consultation does not involve an obligation to action automatically, but the possibility of the North Atlantic powers deciding to act is not precluded nor is the possibility of military action under Article 4 through the co-ordinated defence system of the North Atlantic powers excluded.

This, it is believed here, is as far as the United States is able to go for the present in insuring the security of the world outside the North Atlantic area, apart from its general programme of military assistance to countries threatened by totalitarian aggression.—Reuter.

## DON IDDON'S DIARY

America's politicians, unshaken by Shakespeare, and ignoring the ideas of March.

Their pens are poised over the Atlantic Pact. Their bank-books are open for more Marshall Plan appropriations.

This is an historic week. The text of the Pact will be made public on Friday, and a 100-year tradition against alliances and entanglements with Europe will be broken.

As the supreme moment approaches there is not much misgiving, certainly not among the public. Although the unemployment figures mount and the slump grows there is no popular demand that the dollars be kept at home to pay for relief or pump-priming.

## Peace Pay-Off

All that the average American asks is that his investment pay off by providing peace.

He doesn't expect to make money, or even to get his dollars back. He just wants to see the end of the war and the end of the bloodshed.

For instance, an American has to pay for his spectacles, his medical and dental care, his wages if he's laid off, his hearing aid if he's deaf—the State doesn't supply these facilities free, and he is puzzled that any debtor State should be doing so.

## Pact A Miracle

This is hardly the time for any European country on the receiving end to be using capitalistic money for Socialist purposes.

Even if there were a great surplus of money and arms here, and the United States had not been born and bred in isolationism, the Pact would be remarkable. As it is, the Pact is a miracle.

I have been talking to Americans about this miracle. The garage man who services my car, and whose tips have been halved in the past six months, says: "If Russia knows we will fight, we won't have to fight."

The elevator man in the apartment building where I live, one-third of whose £9 salary goes in rent, says: "What's the difference? Pact or no Pact we are up to our necks, aren't we?"

The out-of-work American newspaperman trying to place a freelance article, says: "This is America's great coming-of-age—sure it will be expensive, but most 21st birthday parties are."

## Leap In Dark

Nowhere in this great city, except perhaps in Greenwich Village, where the Communists and Henry Wallace supporters huddle, is there any articulate opposition to the Pact. People are being magnificently munificent about it.

Not many Americans know, or pretend to know, much about the big leap into the European dark. They feel in their bones that it was inevitable that destiny would catch up with the rich oasis, and they're rather proud that they, the little people and poor people, and struggling, worried people, should be present at the rendezvous with history.

I have never during all the years here felt a greater admiration for America and the Americans. The clock strikes for them and they are ready.

President Truman, holidaying in Florida, is saying little about inflation, and his real problem is deflation, a repetition of the crash which wiped out his £5,000 savings when he was a haberdasher in the 20's.

Most of the President's domestic programme is bogged down, and his Cabinet Ministers are

shouting against business men who are "planning a depression." Wall Street scorns the charges.

Meanwhile prices continue to shrink, wage cuts are certain in most industries, and personal incomes are expected to be down 7 per cent this year.

Despite the accumulating troubles New York, and most of the Eastern seaboard which I have visited, looks tranquil and prosperous. Almost every other car on the roads is a new model, petrol is limitless and cheap (1s. a gallon), food is abundant and priced more reasonably, drink is plentiful and of excellent quality.

The sun smiles on the American. Clothes for both men and women can be bought at bargain prices, and there are sales in most shops of everything by which human beings live.

The new spring styles are free of fuss and feathers. Fashions are crisp, streamlined suits, nipped waistlines, tiny cloche hats.

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## Communist Blast At Atlantic Pact

Moscow, March 24.

Leading newspapers of the Soviet press today trumpeted the Communist Party declarations against the Atlantic Pact from Europe and the Far East.

The Communist Party newspaper, "Pravda," and the Government organ, "Izvestia," devoted full pages to protests against the pact and the forthcoming "peace conferences" in Paris and New York.

Lengthy despatches reported declarations of Norwegian, Filipino and Swedish Communist parties against the pact.

"Contents of the pact conceal the cynicism and hypocrisy of its creators," the Norwegian Communists were quoted.

The declaration also called on Norwegian workers to begin a struggle against the pact because "you can hinder its implementation."

It said: "The forces fighting for peace are stronger than those trying to unleash a war."

Mariano Balboa, Communist leader in the Philippines, was quoted that in the event of war the Philippines Communists would aid the Soviet Union.

Another report in the Communist press said Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, chairman of the Western European Union defence committee, will go to Washington shortly with other West European army commanders for secret conferences with General Dwight D. Eisenhower.—United Press.

## EX-TYPIST CAUSES STRIKE

Salford, March 24.

All 180 employees at an engineering works here staged a lightning strike today after a 40-year-old former typist at the works arrived to take over the governing directorship, to which she was appointed under the will of the firm's head.

The new director, Miss Mary Dugdale, also left the bulk of the £133,000 fortune amassed by John Anderson, head of the St. George's Engineering Company.

Within a few minutes of her arrival, half a dozen heads of departments called at her office and suggested that she stay away until the legal position has been clarified.

Soon afterwards, all the employees stopped work, and Miss Dugdale was told she was to blame for the strike. She later left the works, and the employees threatened to take similar action again if she reappeared.—Reuter.

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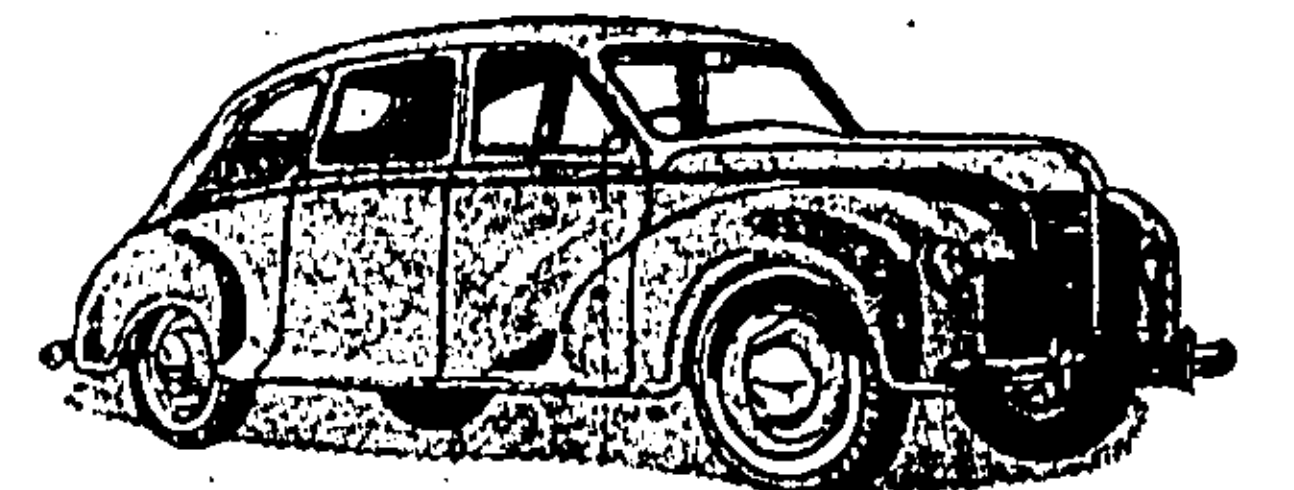
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## RETALIATION AGAINST CZECHS BY BRITAIN?

London, March 24.

The Opposition in the House of Commons today urged the Government to take retaliatory action against a Czech official in Britain for the treatment meted out to a British official in Prague.

Yesterday, the British Embassy was warned that Captain Phillip Wildash, British Military Permit Officer in Prague, would be liable to arrest unless he left Czechoslovakia within 24 hours.

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, replied that the Government is considering what action would be appropriate. "We shall not be content to leave matters where they are now," he said.

So far as could be ascertained in the short time available there was no truth in the assertion that Captain Wildash plotted against the Czechoslovak Republic, or intended its laws in any way, he said.

Czechoslovak officials in Prague accused Captain Wildash of accepting information, of plotting against the State, and of being in contact with plotters, a Foreign Office spokesman said here today.

Captain Wildash arrived in Frankfurt early today.

Mr. Pierson Dixon, British Ambassador in Prague, reporting the accusations to the Foreign Office, said that he is satisfied no truth exists in the charges made against the Captain.

The Czechoslovak Government has refused to proffer formal charges against him.

### Office Closed

After Captain Wildash had been detained and questioned, a British Embassy official in Prague was summoned to the Czech Foreign Ministry and informed of the accusations liable to be made.

The official was told that if Captain Wildash left the country no further action would be taken against him.

No official reports has yet been received from Prague about the arrest of three Czechoslovak employees of the British Military Permit Office.

An authoritative source here confirmed that the Military Permit Office, administered jointly by Britain, France and the United States, to issue permits to the Western Zones of Germany, has now been closed.

The same source considers it unlikely that the office would be re-opened for the present, and no Czechoslovak subjects would, therefore, be able to obtain a permit to visit Western Germany. —Reuter.

## Half World Lives "Like Slaves"

Moscow, March 24.

"Pravda," the Soviet Communist Party newspaper, declared today that more than half the world's population live as slaves.

In an editorial of more than 3,000 words, condemning the "merchants of death," the "modern slave owners," and "the slanders" who asked in the United Nations Economic and Social Council last month for an enquiry into Soviet labour camps, "Pravda" said in part:

"It was never so evident as now that capitalism is the modern form of slavery and capitalists the modern slave owners. In MacArthur's (General Douglas MacArthur, Commander in Japan) Japan, factory owners purchase women hands just as they do cotton.

"In India, the threat of starvation forces women to sell their children to work at the factories. In the African colonies, people are bought and sold on the same footing as cattle, with the only difference that people are cheaper than cattle.

"In Malaya, British planters declare workers who do not wish to bear the yoke of slave labour to be Communist conspirators.

## Slav Frontier Violations Alleged

London, March 24.

Tirana Radio tonight broadcast allegations of violation of Albanian territory by Yugoslav detachments and aircraft during March. In one such incursion, the raiders were met by Albanian small arms fire and retired leaving two dead on the Albanian side of the frontier, the Radio said. Propaganda material directed against Albania was found. —Reuter.

## WON'T BOW TO THE RUSSIANS

Washington, March 24.

Mayor Ernst Reuter of Western Berlin said today that his people will never bow to Russian generals.

Herr Reuter said Western Berliners take the position that while their city may be cold, it is even colder in Siberia. —Reuter

## SENATE SUSPICIONS ON AID TO BRITAIN

Washington, March 24.

United States Senators, debating Marshall aid tonight, vigorously demanded assurances that Britain is not sending war potentials to the Soviet Union or East European countries.

The outburst came when they heard reports of a statement by Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, that Britain will not, in future, allow her trade agreements with Russia and Eastern Europe to be subject to the settlement of political questions.

One Senator suggested that the Economic Co-operation Administration should investigate Britain's trade agreements with the Soviet Union and Poland.

Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who had opened the debate by declaring it would be a tragic mistake to cut aid to Britain, replied to the Senators' demands by insisting that there is no evidence that Britain has committed or is contemplating any breach of faith.

Senator William Knowland (Republican, California), read a report of Mr. Wilson's statement in the opening stages of the debate on the 15-months' extension of the European Recovery Programme in 1940-50.

Senator Knowland, quoting Mr. Wilson, said that before voting further Marshall Plan funds for Britain, Congress is entitled to an assurance that Britain is not going to change her trade policy and ship war-making potentials to Russia.

### Good Faith

A call for an investigation of Britain's trade agreements with Russia and Poland came from Senator Arthur Watkins (Republican, Utah).

Senator James P. Kem (Republican, Missouri) questioned whether Britain can conform to the conditions of membership in the Atlantic Pact if she ship war material or potential war materials to Eastern Europe.

The Republican sponsor of the original Marshall aid programme, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, said the Marshall Plan countries of Europe are conforming to many policies of the United States in trading with Eastern Europe.

"Good faith is being shown by Britain in conforming to a common standard in this matter, which reflects our own standards," he said.

### High Hopes

The Senate debate on the 15-month \$5,500 million extension of the European Recovery Programme sees the Government's hopes high that the bill can be put through intact in two days.

Senator Scott Lucas (Democrat, Illinois), leader of President Truman's supporters, told reporters that he is hoping for a final vote by tomorrow night. He stressed the urgency of the situation, since the bill must have both House of Representatives and Senate approval by April 3 if the Economic Co-operation Administration is not to run out of dollar funds.

Senator Robert Taft (Republican, Ohio), most influential of the anti-ERP leaders, said he will vote for a cut—but will initiate no move in this direction. —Reuter.

## Grain Seizures Lead To Shots

Bombay, March 24.

Eight were killed and 25 wounded when police fired on an unruly peasant mob in Brangan village near Ahmednagar.

The peasants were resisting the removal of food grains purchased by the Government for rationing. They stoned the police.

An order to disperse was ignored by the peasants who did not move even after a baton charge by police. —Associated Press.

## MINERS GO BACK TO WORK

Pittsburgh, March 23.

John L. Lewis yesterday told his United Mine Workers' Unionists to go back to work on Monday.

Mr. Lewis called the work stoppage a fortnight ago as a protest over the appointment of Dr. James Boyd as Director of the Bureau of Mines. Dr. Boyd formally took over his position yesterday.

Mr. Lewis, who objected to Dr. Boyd as unqualified since he had never been a miner, was credited with blocking the appointment until this week.

The back to work signal is good news to industry. It was also welcomed by the 403,000 idle hard and soft coal miners East of the Mississippi.

Some sources had feared the work stoppage might extend into a third week. An austerity Easter is assured for most miners' families as it is. —Associated Press.

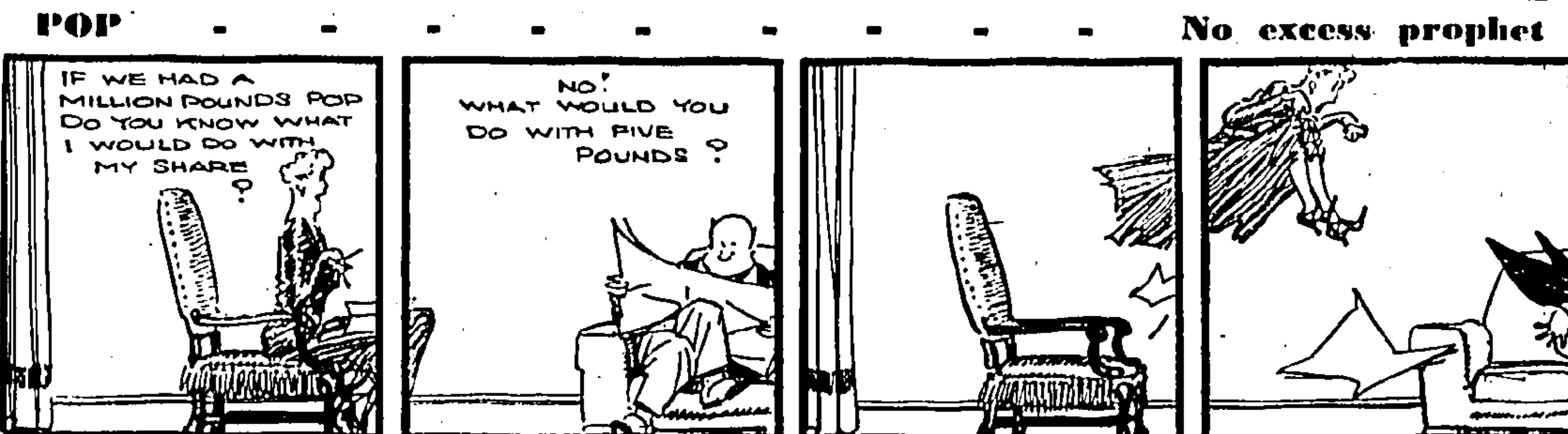
## Shipping Rates War

Bombay, March 24.

The Eastern shipping freight rate war took a new turn today when the Karma Continental Committee decided to cover any fluctuations in rates arising out of the war.

The cutting of prices began after March 11, when the Dutch Holland-Bombay-Karachi Line withdrew from the Karmahon Continental Shipping Conference. Under the decision, exporters will be entitled to book cargo to be shipped in April or May at the present reduced rate, irrespective of any increase in the interval.

If there is a further fall in the freight rates, the shippers will be given a proportionate reduction. —Reuter.



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# CONCILIATION PLAN TO SETTLE DISPUTES

## Japan Signs Trade Pact With Korea

Tokyo, March 24. SCAP announced the conclusion of an U.S.\$80,000,000 trade pact between Japan and Korea which goes into effect on April 1.

The announcement did not list any details of the agreement, which will be submitted immediately to the Korean government and General Douglas MacArthur for their approval.

SCAP officials said the pact provided for trading on a basis of United States dollars through use of letters of credit or other customary banking procedures.

Both Japan and Korea are being supported by the United States. Korea is obtaining ECA funds and the United States is spending millions here in an attempt to stabilize Japanese economy.

The announcement said after this "and another financial arrangement become effective, all existing accounts between the Republic of Korea and occupied Japan will be settled with transactions being put on a cash basis."

There was no explanation of what was meant by "another financial arrangement." Associated Press.

## Lake Success, March 25. The Russian-boycotted U.N. Little Assembly has worked out three proposals aimed at conciliating East-West disagreements.

The proposals will be presented to the General Assembly at the session which opens on April 5.

One delegate said the proposals would be the most important in the coming session, in the long-range view.

Some delegates see this plan as a way for the Russians to co-operate with the Western majority in the U.N. If an easing of the East-West tension is what they want.

Members of the majority say the Russian-Western disagreement is the main reason for the stalemate in the U.N. on many important issues.

The three proposals are:

1—For the Security Council President to take steps for conciliation and mediation of a new case as soon as both sides have laid down their arguments. This was done in the Kashmir case, where a truce eventually stopped fighting in the princely state. This plan would make such conciliation steps standard practice in the U.N.

2—For the President of the Assembly to use his powers of moral persuasion in an attempt to conciliate problems among members of the U.N. in the same way.

This was done by Dr. Herbert V. Evatt, Australian Foreign Minister and Assembly President.

## Moral Persuasion

## Delegate's Wife Appeals To UN

New York, March 24.

The wife of the chief Chinese delegate to the United Nations today asked the Human Rights Commission to help untangle her marital affairs.

Mrs. Nyok Zee Dong Tsang wants the Committee to look into her very human troubles with Ting-fu Tsang, her husband and father of her four

children. Mrs. Tsang said her husband obtained a mail order Mexican divorce and, when she attempted to contest it, he claimed diplomatic immunity. The Supreme Court rejected her suit for separation on immunity. The Supreme Court rejected her suit for separation on immunity grounds, she said.

"While my husband, as a member of the United Nations, is supposed to be working for the welfare of humanity, he can in actuality flout all laws of decency and abandon his wife and children," said Mrs. Tsang in her plea.

"She said her husband's picture appeared in a newspaper with the caption: 'Dr. and Mrs. Ting-fu Tsang.' She commented: 'Surely this cannot be the sum total of the effectiveness of the United Nations, that it shall provide refuge for men who would evade their legal and moral responsibilities. And if it said that mine is a matter of no concern to the organization that faces the task of saving the world, then I wonder if it might not prevent the success of this organization.'"

She admitted that she is uncertain as to how the Committee can help her, but she wants her husband's Mexican divorce invalidated.

"If the UN doesn't help while it is busy raising the lofty towers of humanity and justice to light up the world, its very foundations will crumble as the foundation of all human society, the family, is allowed to weaken and collapse."—United Press.

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## CHINESE FORCES ON ITU ABA

Manila, March 25.

A Chinese Embassy spokesman said today it is possible that Chinese Government troops may be stationed on Itu ABA, little known island between the Philippines and Indochina. Hong Kong reports that Chinese Communists occupy the island seem doubtful, he said.

The spokesman stated that the Chinese Government sent a small force to the general area—South of China's Hainan Island—in 1949. However, he thought the force had been withdrawn later after surveying possibilities of economic development.

He said Chinese troops visited the former Japanese-held island groups known in the Chinese language as Tung Shu, Shih Shu and Pan Shu.

Captain Harlyn Lacy, who visited Itu ABA in January with a U.S. Army Graves Registration team, reported the presence of Chinese Nationalist troops there.

Captain Lacy did not know their purpose on Itu ABA, how long they had been there or their place of origin.

Rear-Admiral Francis P. Old, U.S. Philippine Naval Forces, said no reports concerning Itu ABA have reached him from the Coast Guard detachment on nearby Palawan Island of the Philippines.—Associated Press.

## A Ruse?

According to the Philippine source from which the "China Mail" originally obtained the story, the Nationalist flag of China was raised by the Chinese forces on the beach as the American team approached.

The men in the mysterious force were said to have been wearing the uniform of the Chinese Navy.

Upon the basis of such circumstantial evidence, officialdom may have decided to call them "Chinese Nationalists," but the deliberate flying of the flag—apparently for the occasion—and the wearing of uniforms and insignia raise some suspicions.

If they were really Nationalists, how was it that the Philippine Government, the Chinese Embassy and the U.S. Army evidently knew nothing about their presence on the island?

## Future Of Mr. Stanley

London, March 24.

The Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, told Parliament today that he could not yet indicate what further action might be taken to enforce the deportation order against Sydney Stanley, key figure in the Linskey Tribunal.

He said the Polish Government had stated that Stanley is not entitled to Polish citizenship and is not prepared to give him a passport.

Mr. Will Nally, Labour, asked the Minister to bear in mind the torrent of abuse poured upon this country for not allowing Jews to enter Israel and the advisability on hygienic grounds of getting Stanley there as soon as possible.

Mr. Chuter Ede did not reply.

## TAFT-HARTLEY ACT REPEAL

Washington, March 25.

President Truman's bill to repeal the controversial Taft-Hartley Act won 13-10 approval by the House Labour Committee yesterday and will have an early debate in the House.

Under the bill most of the Taft-Hartley curbs on Unions would be wiped out—for example, the ban on closed shop contracts, the 80-day injunctions in emergency strikes, and the non-Communist oaths signed by labour leaders.—Associated Press.

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# TIENTSIN STAGNANT BUT STILL HOPEFUL

Shanghai, March 25.  
 Business remains at a standstill in Tientsin, according to a telephone message last night from a former Shanghai businessman, who was among the hundreds of foreigners swept behind the "bamboo curtain" through the Chinese Communist capture of Tientsin last January.

The businessman said they were without news of the outside world, not having seen newspapers "for ages." The call was limited to six minutes and the reception was faint and subject to constant fading.

People are allowed to hold United States dollars, gold bars and silver dollars, but forbidden to trade in them. Law and order are well maintained.

The impression the informant gave was that, although trade is at a standstill at present in Tientsin, the general feeling is that it will pick up as soon as some kind of Civil Government is established.

The action of the Communist authorities in registering foreign and Chinese firms had raised hopes in the Northern port city of some business being possible soon, and trading circles there believe the present barter trade system will shortly be extended to embrace private commercial concerns, though under a measure of State control.

It was revealed here today that an average of 12,000 kilograms of mail are at present sent to key Communist cities every month from Shanghai.

Four barter ships, exchanging flour for coal, transport the North China-bound mails from Shanghai each week. Inquiries have elicited the information that the Communists are not imposing any restrictions on Shanghai postal matter and there is no censorship.

Telegraphic money remittances between Shanghai and Communist-held cities were partially resumed yesterday, when the city received the first sum of \$3,000 in Communist People's notes and remitted Northward a total of \$5,000,000, according to press reports.

Only two commercial banks of eight are permitted by the Communists and the Government handled yesterday's remittances. The exchange rate between the Gold Yuan and the Communist note has been set at 100 to one Communist dollar.

The resumption of telegraphic remittance service is chiefly for the benefit of civil servants, students and traders who have set up offices both in North China and Shanghai.—Reuter.

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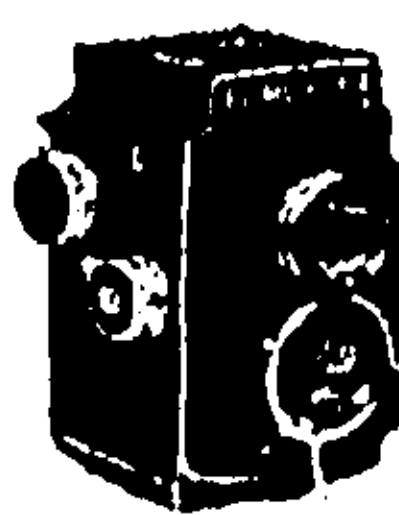
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## TEN EVENTS SET FOR TODAY'S HKJC RACES

(By "RAPIER")

Racing will form the main attraction in sporting circles this afternoon, when the Fourth Race Meeting under the auspices of The Hong Kong Jockey Club will be held.

There are again 10 events on the programme, the first saddling bell for which will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2 p.m. sharp.

It is just possible that, due to the rain which fell yesterday, the track will be on the soft side, in which event it will be necessary to bear in mind the points that have done well in meetings under similar circumstances.

Race No. 1—Newbury Stakes (First Section): Six Furlongs.

Australian ponies of this season, that have not won or started in a race, are given an opportunity of doing so in this opening event, and, eliminating the unlikely chances, I think the race should be decided between the following: Roden (Mr. Kwok), Good News (Mr. Chang), Speed Wheel (Mr. Gregory), Vanguard (Mr. Pote-Hunt) and Barbarian (Mr. Wong Yan).

It is also coming fourth in the Ascot Stakes (First Section) over the mile at the Second Race Meeting, and judging from that run, I should say that it has a good chance of securing its first win.

The fact that Good News, with Mr. Alexander, was also fourth in the second section of the above race, makes it a potential menace, and as Speed Wheel has been making gradual improvement, it must also be regarded as a dangerous contender.

Vanguard is coming on nicely, and, with Mr. Pote-Hunt up, it should certainly be well backed, and I think this combination should not be disregarded.

Barbarian is not bad, and if Mr. Wong Yan can get it off quickly, it will give the above-mentioned ponies a good run.

Race No. 2—Curragh Handicap (First Section): From The Two Mile Post, Once Round & In.

This race will be contested by Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 7. Jockey Allowance.

With so many ponies entered, some of which can be discarded, I think the winner will come from the following: Airfield (Mr. Chan), Chelera (Mr. Shieh), Sans Atout (Mr. Gregory), Strathmore (Mr. Castro), and Busted Straight (Mr. Ostroumoff).

Airfield came in second to Autumn Leaf in the Hong Kong Handicap (First Section) over the mile on the fifth day of the Car-

nival with Mr. Gregory up, carrying 150 lbs and, as it ran quite well, especially with Autumn Leaf not participating, I believe it should win.

The main challenge will come from Chelera which has been doing good work in morning training. Sans Atout is a greatly improved animal and its chances should not be overlooked.

On the other hand, Strathmore has been gradually falling from grace, and unless it can recapture some of its old form, I am afraid it will out of the running. Busted Straight should also be kept in mind as it is carrying only 135 lbs.

Race No. 3—Gatwick Stakes (First Section): One Mile.

In this race for Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 8, there is not much to choose from among the entries.

Judging from its second placing in the Phoenix Handicap (First Section) over six furlongs on the fourth day of the Carnival, Airfield (Mr. Pote-Hunt) has a good chance of winning, but will be seriously challenged by Selby (Mr. Ostroumoff), which I very much like at the moment.

Trial Trip (Mr. Mu) gave punters a jolt in its last outing by running unplaced, and for that reason I am only going to nominate it as a place.

N-E Day (Mr. Kwok) is not bad, and I think it should give a good account of itself against the above-mentioned ponies.

Although Pania (Mr. Day) is improving in its morning gallops, I cannot see it causing any worry to the others, as far as the first placing is concerned.

Race No. 4—Haydock Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

Australian Subscription ponies of 1949 classified Class 5 will contest this event, and from the entries the following should be worth watching: Jennifer (Mr. Mailland), Rowanland (Mr. Ostroumoff), First Alarm (Mr. Shieh), Hongkong Stutze (Mr. Gregory), and Double Coin (Mr. Yau).

Jennifer won the Smugglers' Pass Stakes (First Section) over the two mile post at the last meeting, and appears the logical choice. Can it still, however, win what carrying 154 lbs and in this better class of runners? It ran very convincingly in the above race so that even the extra 7 lbs

### 'Rapier's' Selections For Today

Race No. 1  
SPEED WHEEL  
ROSLYN  
GOOD NEWS  
Outsider: Vanguard.

Race No. 2  
AIRFIELD  
CHELSEA  
SANS ATOUT  
Outsider: Buster Straight.

Race No. 3  
ATLANTIC  
SIDER  
TRIAL TRIP  
Outsider: V-E Day.

Race No. 4  
ROWANLAND  
FIRST ALARM  
JENNIFER  
Outsider: Hongkong Stutze.

Race No. 5  
LOVELY LADY  
BASTARD  
CHESTERFIELD  
Outsider: Panda.

Race No. 6  
AMBER  
EPINARD  
GREEN VELVET  
Outsider: Filibuster.

Race No. 7  
BRONTE  
KELLY  
SINO MARSHALL  
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AIR AND GRACES  
PROBABILITY  
RINGMER  
Outsider: Maniac.

Race No. 9  
IRON MASH  
COOGEE  
BIG BLUFF  
Outsider: Reuter.

Race No. 10  
THE STRANGER  
JEEP BEAUTY  
TOPSAIL  
Outsider: Plinkie.

weight should not spoil its chances of winning again.

The danger will probably come from Rowanland. This pony came third in the Misa Day Stakes (First Section) over this distance under Mr. Ostroumoff and carrying 157 lbs and, while I consider that it has a good chance of winning again, I expect it to receive stiff opposition from Airfield and Jennifer.

Then there is First Alarm to be considered as it is fast over this distance and, given a good start, might cause an upset, while Hongkong Stutze should not be ignored. Double Coin is fighting at the moment in training and may have a say at the finish.

Race No. 5—Sandown Park Handicap: One Mile.

This should turn out to be the most interesting race seen for some time, as it is a contest between two ponies of similar ability, and the winner will be decided by a very close margin.

Amber (Mr. Ostroumoff) in view of its second placing in the Phoenix Handicap (First Section) over six furlongs on the fourth day of the Carnival, has a good chance of winning, but will be seriously challenged by Selby (Mr. Ostroumoff), which I very much like at the moment.

Trial Trip (Mr. Mu) gave punters a jolt in its last outing by running unplaced, and for that reason I am only going to nominate it as a place.

N-E Day (Mr. Kwok) is not bad, and I think it should give a good account of itself against the above-mentioned ponies.

Although Pania (Mr. Day) is improving in its morning gallops, I cannot see it causing any worry to the others, as far as the first placing is concerned.

Race No. 6—Newbury Stakes (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

The second lot of non-starters and unplaced ponies of this season will figure in this event.

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Race No. 7—Curragh Handicap (Second Section): From The Two Mile Post, Once Round & In.

This is the second section of the race for Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class

## South China 'A' Meet Club At Caroline Hill

By "Rover"

A programme of six First Division soccer matches has been arranged for the week-end, and of these, the match between South China "A" and Club at Caroline Hill this afternoon should prove to be the most interesting.

The Chinese "derby" between Kowloon Motor Bus and Chinese AA at Boundary Street, also this afternoon, is expected to be a close affair and will undoubtedly draw a capacity crowd.

The best of tomorrow's games should be the match between Eastern and Royal Navy at Caroline Hill.

7, and amongst the entries I like Bronte (Mr. K.F. Chiu) the best.

This pony is very fit at the moment and should have no difficulty in winning. Only serious opposition is likely to come from Kelly (Mr. Mailland) which had the better of Bronte in the Hong Kong Handicap (Third Section) over the mile at the Annual Meeting by half a length, for the second position.

Sino Marshall will be taken out by Mr. Pote-Hunt and although this pony is improving, I doubt whether it can do better than place.

Dawn (Mr. Ostroumoff) has been making rapid improvement and looks very tempting on account of its low weight of only 135 lbs.

I nominate Bronte to win, with Kelly second and Sino Marshall third. Dawn is the outsider in this race.

Race No. 8—Alexander Park Handicap: One Mile.

This race is for Australian Subscription ponies of 1949 classified Class 4. From the entries the winner should come from the following: Probability (Mr. K.F. Chiu), Air and Graces (Mr. Mailland), Easy-going (Mr. Gregory), Ringmer (Mr. Ostroumoff) and Maniac (Mr. Shieh).

Probability won the Doncaster Stakes (Second Section) over the mile at the Second Race Meeting, and is carrying top-weight of 159 lbs and, while I consider that it has a good chance of winning again, I expect it to receive stiff opposition from Airfield and Jennifer.

Then there is First Alarm to be considered as it is fast over this distance and, given a good start, might cause an upset, while Hongkong Stutze should not be ignored. Double Coin is fighting at the moment in training and may have a say at the finish.

Race No. 9—Newbury Stakes (Third Section): Six Furlongs.

A perusal of the entries in this race, reserved for the third lot of non-starters and unplaced ponies of this season gives me the impression that one need not look further than Iron Mask (Mr. Wong Yan) to win, in view of its track performance on Wednesday morning, 10/3/49, when it completed the six furlongs in 1.32 with a last quarter of 28 seconds.

There is, of course, Coogee (Mr. Gregory) to be reckoned with. This pony came fourth in the Leighton Hill Stakes (First Section) over six furlongs at the Annual Meeting, but I don't think it is good enough to win this afternoon—the best is a place.

How Chesterfield (Mr. Gregory) and Panda (Mr. K.F. Chiu), both from Class 2, will fare against the other ponies is hard to tell as they are both very fit at the moment and an upset from any one of them is quite likely.

Race No. 10—Gatwick Stakes (Second Section): One Mile.

The day's programme will be concluded with a race for the second lot of Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 8.

Jeep Beauty (Mr. Wong Yan) is carrying top-weight of 155 lbs which may not be too much of a handicap as it came second in the Phoenix Handicap over six furlongs at the Annual Meeting, it certainly stands a good chance of winning.

Topail (Mr. Cook) was fourth in the above race first section should have a say here in view of its fitness at the moment.

The Stranger (Mr. Mu) is not to be neglected.

This pony, as rumour has it, is just capable as the others of winning and the time has probably arrived for it to score a belated win.

Plinkie (Mr. Mailland) and Diamondfield (Mr. Gregory) are also good enough to win.

Although Club went down to South China "A" by three clear goals last time, it is not expected that South China will have such an easy time at Caroline Hill this afternoon.

This Club have improved with each match and if Kienan, Main and Mullen can show the same form as that which they displayed during the Governor's Cup match on Sunday last, South China will have to fight every inch of the way in order to secure both points.

The meeting between Kowloon Motor Bus and Chinese AA holds promise of being a "light-to-the-finish" affair notwithstanding the fact that the first game between these two teams resulted in an easy victory for the busmen by three goals to nil.

Expected To Decide

Both teams have high hopes of finishing up as runners-up in the First Division and today's match is expected to decide the issue.

On current form, the busmen should win but their forwards will find the Athletic defence a very hard nut to crack.

Army will entertain Police at Sookunpoo and an evenly contested game should be seen.

Police gave a disappointing display against RAF at Boundary Street on March 16, losing by eight goals to one. They will again be handicapped by the absence of Lai Wai, who has been suspended until December 31, 1949.

Lai Wai has always been a bitter enemy of the Police and without him in their line-up, Police will have to rely to a great extent on Howlett to hold the opposing attack.

The soldiers gave an exhilarating performance against Royal Navy on Thursday. If they can secure the same brand of football this afternoon, they should take both points from the Police.

Tomorrow's game between Eastern and Royal Navy at Caroline Hill should be well worth watching. Eastern beat the sailors by two goals to nil when they last met, but with Rafferty and Higgin back in the Navy attack, Eastern cannot be altogether too sure of two points from this game.

A Keen Tussle

The meeting between RAF and Kit Chee at Sookunpoo tomorrow is likely to result in a keen tussle. In view of the recent improvement of the Airman, it is not likely that Kit Chee will have the same runaway victory as they had in the first round of the League Competition, when they beat the RAF by eight goals to two.

Studd gave an outstanding display for the Airman in their match against Police and scored seven of the eight goals netted by his side. If he strikes the same form tomorrow, it would not be surprising to see the Airman come away with at least one point from their game against Kit Chee.

South China "B" will be visiting Boundary Street as guests of Kwong Wah and should return with both points, although a draw between these two teams is not altogether out of the question.

The following is the week-end programme—

Today

Army v Police: Sookunpoo 4.30 p.m.;  
Refer: A.P. Williams; Lineament: S.Y. Kwok and A. Ribeiro.  
South China "A" v Club: Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m.;  
Refer: J. Ward; Line: Liniment: P.A. Beretto and P.A. L.L. K.M.H. v G.A.A.: Boundary 4.30 p.m.;  
Refer: W. Gaffney; Lineament: D.P. Lal and S.M. Liu.

Army-Kit v Navy: Chatham Road 5 p.m.;  
Refer: P.A. Collins.  
W.D. Chinese v St. Joseph's: Sookunpoo 5 p.m.;  
Refer: S.Y. Kwok.  
Transvaal v G.A.A.: Caroline Hill 5 p.m.;  
Refer: F.A. Barrella.

Police v Army-Kit: Boundary 5 p.m.;  
Refer: S.Y. Kwok.  
Club v Duckyard: Club 5 p.m.;  
Refer: Li Ling-tong.

Tomorrow

Eastern v Navy: Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m.;  
Refer: A.P. Williams; Lineament: A. Luck and P. George.  
RAF v Kit Chee: Sookunpoo 4.30 p.m.;  
Refer: Capt. Chinnell; Lineament: S.Y. Kwok and P. George.  
Kwong Wah v South China "B": Boundary 4.30 p.m.;  
Refer: J.O. Paday; Lineament: N. Richardson and W. St. Joseph's (bye).

Second Division

Thames v Navy: Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m.;  
Refer: A.P. Williams; Lineament: A. Luck and P. George.  
POA v K.M.H.: Sookunpoo 5 p.m.;  
Refer: S.Y. Kwok.  
University v South China (unofficial): Sookunpoo 5 p.m.;  
Refer: S.Y. Kwok.

## GOLF STARTING TIMES

OLD COURSE

Sunday, March 27  
9.50 G.A.L.D. Carter-J.L.G. Pearce.  
Linaker-W.N.A. Snalley.  
9.40 W.B. Vaughan-K.R. Machar-W.O.  
Davies-W.W. Groves.  
9.44 D.A.O. Davies-F.K. Wallace-J.D.  
Mackie-J.L. Ollim.  
9.48 J.C. Richardson-R.M. Wood W.G.  
Hobbs-J.M. Pattinson.  
9.52 J.H. Kite-A. Todd-S.T. Chau-D.  
Hume.  
9.56 G.G. Allen-H.M. Howell-J.L. Wright.  
K.A. Miller.  
10.00 P.D. Hunter-A.E. Lusman-J.J.  
Copperthwaite-K.S. Kinghorn.  
10.04 F.G. Harrison-T.D. Drysdale-H.R.  
Clement-J.D. Chave.  
10.08 W.A. Nicholas-J. MacIntyre-W.C.  
Tait-G. Stewart.  
10.12 S.B. Gordon-D. Mackie-E. Bath.  
Hart-R.B. Barry.  
10.20 R.L.S. Webb-P.F.F. Watkinson.

## HOCKEY FIXTURE

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Sports Club in their hockey fixture against the Dutch Hockey XI on Sunday, March 27, 1949, at King's Park, RRRC Ground (No. 2), at 10 a.m. sharp—

Makhan Singh, A.E.P. Guest, Yaqoob Khan, J.S. Dillon, M.H. Hassan, Subedar Bhagat Singh, G.W.P. Guest, "Nugget" Ebrahim, S. Nino, Mickey Ram, and U.S. Dillon.

## Season's Softball Games Over Soon

("By Grandstand")

With the exception of the revived Inter-Hong League games due to commence next week, the season's fixtures will be completed tomorrow, the main attraction being the Wahco-Wildcats play-off.

A fortnight ago the Green Owls played heads-up ball to redeem themselves in the eyes of their fans with a convincing 6-1 triumph over the Wildcats to end the loop programme deadlocked for first place with their arch-rivals for the "China Mail" Shield.

These two outfits are capable of dishing up air-tight play, and the results will be anybody's guess.

The past tiffs between the Owls and the Untamed Felines have always attracted attention, and a record crowd is expected to be out tomorrow rooting for their favourite in the final showdown.

This play-off brings to mind last year's diamond battle which has been continuous fuel for the Hot Stove.

Lefty Dolly Brown, hurling for the Wildcats failed to locate the strike zone with the bases fully populated, and walked Terry Nonaka only to see Edith Xavier at third base romp over the plate with the winning run—and the pennant.

This Wildcats have since strengthened their line-up, and the Owls will be fully extended in their defence of their title.

Indications point to the coming tilt being as bitterly fought as those of the past when these two dazling outfits have clashed.

Effective Combination

Big Chief Terry Nonaka has taken over the hurling assignment from the late Edith Xavier, himself, battery mate being the dynamic Patzy Ribeiro. This combination has proved effective throughout the season except for an expensive lapse when the Canaries upset the deponents by trimming the Owls good and proper.

That was a disastrous set-back for the Wahco, who would have been champions today but for that 2-2 error affair.

The Owls, however, have regained their form with an almost perfect fielding exhibition at the last outing against the Wildcats, and if they can display the same cool-headed play, their chances are rosy.

Hilda Soares will hold the initial station where she has shone in the past, while Yolie Franco who has been shifted to the key-sole position since Therese Remedios' ankle injury, is fast turning up with Irene Castilho in the short-stop gap.

Bernie Remedios, the Mighty Mile, surprised fans with her neat handling at the Hot Corner and has earned that position for this important tussle.

The garden patrol will comprise Edith Thompson, Teresa "Chooch" Baptista and Therese Remedios, with Gloria Silva and Elva Lee as utilites.

Hard At Practice

The Wahco who acquired the services of Buster Hollands after the start of the season, have been hard at practice, and are all set to make their bid for the pennant.

Hopes for a return of the Blue and Gold battling to the Wildcats camp depend mainly on earlier Lefty Dolly Brown, teaming up with Dolly will be popular also.

## Pulling-Bucks Bout On April 2 Cancelled

(Contributed)

The six-round bout between Bob Pulling and Ramsey Bucks to which boxing enthusiasts have been eagerly looking forward, will not now take place at The Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament to be held at The Chira Fleet Club on April 2.

The cancellation of this meeting between Pulling, the Far East Welterweight Champion and Ramsey Bucks, has been necessitated by reason of the fact that Pulling cannot make the weight stipulated by the promoters.

Pulling will, however, be available for the Services Championships commencing on April 7.

In order not to disappoint patrons, promoters have arranged for P.O. Scullings, Lightweight Champion of HMS London, to fight Ramsey Bucks.

Both Scullings and Bucks were defeated by the Golden Gloves Champion, Hank Harris. They have been waiting for an opportunity to get together in the ring and the bout which has been arranged should prove to be the best staged in Hong Kong since the war.

Pulling, who has rendered yeoman service to boxing in this Colony since 1946, will be seen in action against an opponent yet to be named.

Repeat Previous Success

Fans will remember the controversy that raged over the decision given to Gunner O'Shea against Alfred Mailig. O'Shea is as determined as ever to repeat his previous success and Mailig is just as determined to reverse that decision.

Tony Silva, who is steadily climbing the rungs in the Welterweight division, is fighting S. A. Chanter of HMS Hart, who has never been defeated in this Colony.

Chanter is pressing for a fight with Ramsey Bucks and a good showing on this bill will enhance his chances of the bout at a future date.

The Heavyweight clash between P.O. Williams and George Upjohn will be worth going a long way to see; either man is willing to fight any heavyweight in the Colony.

Yeung Wing-oi, the fighting policeman, is very fit. His fight with Leading Patrolman Reeve should be a terrific battle.

Liu Hong-kong, son of Mr. J. Quile, well-known local sportsman, will be seen in an all action bout with AB Priest of RMS Belfast. This may well be the fight of the night.

During the interval, there will be a weight lifting exhibition by Valentine Knige.

## KBGC Elects Life Members

At the 44th Annual General Meeting of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club held at their Club House yesterday, presided by Mr. J. McKelvie, their president, Mr. Joe Fraser and Mr. G. E. F. Thompson were elected life members of the club.

Mr. McKelvie in a short speech thanked Messrs. A. J. Hall and G. E. F. Thompson for the way they have looked after their three greens.

The greens of the Club, said Mr. McKelvie, are the best in the colony.

The question of allowing ladies to play bowls in the Club was discussed at length.

It was decided that the ladies be not allowed to make use of the greens.

The following were elected as club officers for the ensuing year: President, Mr. E.A. Atkins; Vice-President, Mr. C.E. Barry; Hon. Secretary, Mr. I. Urquhart; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. S. Sykes; Bar Convenor, Mr. H. F. Shigdis; Lawn Bowls Convenor, Mr. J. G. Meyer; Groundsman, Mr. A. J. Hall.

## KDC MEETING

The Kowloon Docks Club held their annual general meeting on Thursday at their Club House in Hung Hom and Mr. R. G. Craig was elected President of the Club.

The meeting also decided that the Club will be fielding two teams in the coming lawn bowls league.

The officials elected were as follows: President, Mr. R. G. Craig; Vice-President, Mr. J. K. Lutch; Hon. Secretary, W. McMaster; Hon. Treasurer, J. McIntyre; Lawn Bowls Convenor, Mr. C. Logan; Hon. Librarian, J. Brecher; Tennis Convenor, J. Burbeck; Billiards Convenor, W. Gaffney; Groundsman, Mr. W. Taylor and Bidmington Convenor, Mr. R. Gourlay.

Police Ball

The Police Recreation Club's Spring Ball will be held today at 8 p.m. at the Peninsula Hotel. Available tickets will be sold at the door.

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## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS

### Fourth Race Meeting,

Saturday, 26th March, 1949

There are ten races, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. The first race will be